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WAILING WALL

CAUSE OF TROUBLE IN PALESTINE

BRITISH FORCES ARRIVE

Attacks By Arabs On Jewish Residents

H.M.S. "SUSSEX" ON SCENE

A Reuter's cablegram from London states that the events in Palestine are the burning topic, every one discussing the friction between the Jews and the Arabs.

The newspapers in London are "splashing" the movements of British forces. There are now three battalions of British infantry in Palestine as, in addition to the South Staffs from Malta, the composite units from Egypt, according to a report from Cairo, amount to two more battalions; there is also a squadron of armoured cars.

It is noteworthy that the first detachment of infantry arrived in Jerusalem by air from Egypt within seven hours of their being ordered to Palestine.

PART OF HEROD'S TEMPLE

The trouble is generally attributed to the curious situation of the so-called Wailing Wall, which is believed to have formed part of Herod's Temple for centuries. It is regarded by orthodox Jews as the holiest place of prayer.

The object of the regular pilgrimages to the Wall, however, adjoins Haram al Sharif which is a sacred Moslem area. The authorities recently allowed the Moslems to use a gateway specially made in the Wall as a thoroughfare.

There has been mutual resentment felt by Arabs and Jews against meeting on this ground, the Arabs feeling that the Jews desire to appropriate the ground, while the Jews feel that their worship is being interfered with.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Issued by Colonial Office
in London

London, Yesterday.

The Colonial Office issues the following statement:—

Summarising the position in Palestine on the information available as it was on Sunday morning, the Acting High Commissioner states that the old city of Jerusalem was then quiet, but there was some desultory firing and incendiary in the new quarters. The situation in the Jewish outlying quarters of Jerusalem was not yet under control and there was still some looting with casualties.

The Jewish Garden City of Talpith, near the railway station, has been temporarily evacuated by the inhabitants.

On Saturday there was an attack by the Arab mob on small Jewish quarters. Up to the present the known casualties include 45 lives, while 59 Jews were seriously wounded. The Moslem casualties were eight killed and 10 wounded. Four hundred and fifty Jews have been temporarily accommodated in the Police barracks, and the town is now reported to be quiet.

Alarm in Jaffa

In Jaffa the situation at eight o'clock on Sunday morning caused some alarm in view of a possible demonstration and risks of a clash at Tel Aviv. The district authorities, however, succeeded in averting a demonstration for the moment, and the Acting High Commissioner felt no doubt that the arrival of the British warship "Sussex" at Jaffa early on Monday morning would cause a cessation. The Nabulus remained uneasy, but an outbreak had so far been averted. There are no reports of attacks on the Jewish colonies in the north. Gaza and Beersheba were quiet but restive.

Proclamation to Inhabitants

The Colonial Office adds that the Acting High Commissioner issued the following proclamation on Sunday:

This is to give notice to the public of Palestine that His Majesty's Forces are operated in the country with the sole object of quelling the present disturbances and promptly restoring order. Exceptional measures of repression will be avoided as far as possible, but the troops will not hesitate to use force against all disturbers of the peace without distinction.

—British Wireless Service.

H.M.S. "Eagle" Ready

Malta, Yesterday.

It is authoritatively reported that the aircraft carrier "Eagle" and two destroyers have been refuelled and provisioned ready to proceed to Palestine to-morrow.—Reuter.

U.S.A. Relies on Britain

Washington, Yesterday.

The State Department has instructed General Dawes, Ambassador

in London, to approach the British Foreign Office and express the earnest hope that Great Britain will take immediate comprehensive measures to protect American lives and property in Palestine.—Reuter's American Service.

MORE DISTURBANCES

Martial Law Declared at
Tel Aviv

Jerusalem, Yesterday.

Disturbances have broken out at Tel Aviv, where martial law has been proclaimed.

Some Jews have been killed in the Arab quarters at Jaffa. The Palestine Government, in a communique, states that Jerusalem is now quiet. British infantry, Air Force, and armoured cars are keeping order. British Police and special constables are patrolling all parts of the town.

The casualties in Jerusalem since the beginning of the outbreak have been:—

Killed	
Jews	14
Moslems	10
Christians	3
Seriously Injured	
Jews	37
Moslems	20
Christians	1
Slightly Injured	
Jews	66
Moslems	32
Christians	15

—Reuter.

Police Fire on Arabs

Jerusalem, Later.

The trouble at Tel Aviv began when some Moslems, who were following an Arab funeral, broke away from the procession. The Police fired and six Arabs were killed.

The Jerusalem City Council at three o'clock in the afternoon issued a statement that the Arabs were attacking Mahneyehudah and Shaarayhesd.

A later message issued by the Council stated that Arabs were every moment making fresh attacks in new localities. Five Jews were killed at Tel Aviv.

The statement accuses the Government of putting obstacles in the way of the Jews' self-defence. It says that the Arabs are preparing attacks on every other section in the country.

An attack on Bethelphar, where many Americans live, was repulsed.—Reuter.

Arab Attack on Barracks

Jerusalem, Later.

A communique says that order has been re-established at Herbron. The districts of Gaza and Beersheba are quiet.

An Arab attack on the Police barracks was repulsed. Two Arabs were seriously injured.

Clashes also occurred at Baizan and Hadharacarmel. The situation at Safed was tense but improved on the arrival of a contingent of the Trans-Jordan Frontier force.

Aircraft and armoured cars from Amman are operating in various parts of the country.—Reuter.

Government Offices Attacked

Jerusalem, Later.

The Arabs attacked the Government offices at Jaffa. The British Police fired and repelled

OLD & NEW CHINESE CALENDAR

CONFUSING DATES

"NOBODY'S FAULT" SAYS THE
PUISNE JUDGE

SOLICITORS REASSURED

"It is very confusing," said Mr. Ng Chak-wing, acting Chief Interpreter, in the Supreme Court this morning, in referring to the present Chinese practice of setting down dates.

Hitherto the year of the cycle, or the reign year of the Emperor, was used in the first instance. Now, of course, in substitution of the latter is the year of the Republic, this being the 18th year. And then follows the Gregorian (or "European") month and day.

Some continue to use the year of the cycle, after which follows the moon and day of the old Chinese calendar.

But others use a combination of both systems, by using the year of the Republic and then the moon and day of the old calendar, without signifying that the moon and day are Chinese and not "European" dates.

Transporters v. Shipowners

Two such instances were discovered this morning in a case before his Honour the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), sitting in Summary Jurisdiction. The year mentioned was the 18th year of the Republic. Then followed dates which were taken to be the 18th and 19th of April, but which turned out to be the 18th and 19th days of the fourth moon (May 26 and 27).

On Mr. Ng explaining to his Lordship, his Lordship observed to the solicitors engaged "That's nobody's fault."

Plaintiffs were the Wan Tung Co., described as transporters, of No. 167, Des Vaux-road Central, 2nd floor. They were represented by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall. Defendants, for whom Mr. A. El Arculi appeared, were the Sai On Co., shipowners, No. 85, Des Vaux-road West, 3rd floor.

Sand for Glass-Making

Plaintiffs claimed the return of moneys paid for a consideration which has failed; alternatively, plaintiffs said that two several sums of \$500 had been paid as deposit against a charter party to have been entered in respect of the s.s. "Tin Sze" which, prior to such payments, defendants falsely represented to be of 700 tons nett burden. The said charter party was in fact not entered into and plaintiff claimed the return of the \$1,000, with his costs.

In his opening, Mr. Rendall said that a verbal agreement was entered into between the parties. Plaintiffs imported sand from Cheung-kay, in the Hoifung district, on the south-east coast of Kwangtung, for glass-making in Hong Kong. They had a contract to bring 1,500 tons into the Colony each month. When they used junks (as they did before the negotiations and still did now), they required a hundred junks to carry 1,500 tons of sand.

S.S. "Tin Sze"

Plaintiffs allege that defendants indicated their vessel to be of 700 tons capacity. Accordingly, said Mr. Rendall, plaintiffs found that by chartering the ship only two voyages per month would be needed. But plaintiffs discovered, at the office of Mr. Ray (referred to as the "surveyor"), that the "Tin Sze" was of only 400 tons nett. Accordingly, plaintiffs repudiated the verbal agreement and, after legal correspondence, claimed for the return of the \$1,000 deposit.

The charter, it was added, was to have been at \$1,400 per month.

Chan Tim, managing partner of plaintiff firm, was the only witness called by Mr. Rendall. He said that it cost him 20 cents per picul (of

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attack. Five Arabs were killed and 30 wounded.—Reuter.

No U.S. Warship

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Stimson has made it clear that the United States has no intention of despatching a warship to Palestine. The State Department has so far received no request in this connection from Americans in Jerusalem.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier News

Malta, Sunday.

The 2nd South Staffs Battalion embarked to-day on the aircraft-carrier "Courageous" for Jaffa.—Reuter.

RACE FOR SCHNEIDER CUP

ITALY'S INTENTION

SUGGESTED MINIATURE RACE AGAINST BRITAIN

TEAM KEPT IN READINESS

London, Yesterday.

Italy's intention regarding the Schneider Cup contest is still obscure. It is believed that she is withholding a definite decision pending a meeting of the Schneider Cup Committee to-morrow, when she is credited with the intention to submit a proposal for a miniature Schneider race between Britain and Italy where the actual trophy will not be involved.

Meanwhile reports from Rome state that the Italian team have been instructed to keep themselves in readiness to leave for Britain and the final decision as regards participation will probably be postponed until after the arrival of the team in Britain.—Reuter.

Motta's Body Found

Desenzano (Lombardy).

The body of the Schneider pilot, Motta, has been found at a depth of between 150 and 200 feet.—Reuter.

"BETTER BE CAREFUL"

Leung Lam, a licensed woman hawker, appeared before the Kowloon Police Magistrate this morning for causing an obstruction in Yu Chau Street at 7 a.m.

His Worship: You have been convicted twice for obstruction, Leung Lam.

Accused: I know, your Worship.

His Worship: You had better be careful, or you will lose your licence. Fined five dollars.

King's School, Peterborough, has decided on a memorial to Inspector Saunders, who was assassinated at Lahore, in the shape of a scholarship and a memorial tablet in the Cathedral with a replica at the school. Donations to the memorial fund should be sent to the headmaster.

138.1/3 lbs.) to transport sand by junk and, on the rate of the proposed charter party as he understood it, the cost would have been 15 cents per picul.

Question About Permits

In cross-examination, Mr. Arculli put it to witness that he failed to obtain a permit for the ship to carry sand and, hence, repudiated the agreement. Mr. Arculli also put it to witness that he had seen the vessel before paying the deposit. Witness denied the assertion about the permit. In regard to the other statement, he replied that he had seen the ship alongside a wharf but had not been on board to examine.

Judgment for Plaintiff

After all the evidence had been given, his Lordship said that he was against the defendant and asked Mr. Arculli to address him.

Mr. Arculli said that no legal points were involved in the case. If his Lordship believed that defendant had represented the ship to be one of 700 tons carrying capacity, then, of course, plaintiff was entitled to succeed in his claim.

He maintained that defendant had given a true description of the vessel, although plaintiff had said otherwise. Plaintiff had produced no evidence, excepting his own bare statement, to support his allegation. If the tonnage of the ship was such an important factor to plaintiff then it was very peculiar that no mention had been made of it in anywhere.

Even the receipts did not mention the tonnage of the ship. The omission of this point was very significant.

Furthermore the plaintiff, if he felt that he had been deceived, acted in a most peculiar manner in that he had not taken any step to obtain redress. It was the defendant who started the ball rolling, when they wrote, through their solicitor, Mr. Leo d'Almada, pressing for the lease to be executed. It was not until then that plaintiff began to take steps.

Plaintiff had also seen the ship and to anyone acquainted with steamers, it would at once become obvious whether a ship was of 700 tons or 400 tons carrying capacity.

His Lordship, without calling upon Mr. Rendall to address him, said that he believed the story of the plaintiff and that defendant must have misrepresented the ship. He would therefore give judgment for plaintiff with costs.

WATER SUPPLY

173 MILLION GALLONS GAIN ON ISLAND

GREATER CONSUMPTION

The "China Mail" is officially informed that the total storage in the island reservoirs yesterday morning amounted to 1,789.09 million gallons, showing an increase of 178.23 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 224.70 million gallons. The week's consumption amounted to 51.47 million gallons.

Position in Kowloon

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs yesterday morning amounted to 461.41 million gallons.

FAIR TO SHOWERY

This morning's weather report states:

Pressure is highest near the Bonins and relatively low in a trough extending from Indo-China, across Luzon to the Ladrones. The depression is approaching Hokkaido.

Forecast:—Easterly or variable winds, moderate; fair to showery.

showing an increase of 9.06 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 26.91 million gallons.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 37.29 million gallons.

Storage

The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	326.38	136.81
" 29	327.26	117.44
May 6	311.72	121.65
" 13	309.94	125.34
" 20	283.97	115.90
" 27	261.03	102.18
June 3	237.90	87.96
" 10	212.71	85.61
" 17	192.76	80.54
" 24	177.62	100.92
July 1	175.54	114.27
" 8	157.79	105.62
" 15	352.07	207.31
" 22	460.22	277.00
" 29	993.80	397.04
Aug. 5	1,251.85	438.68
" 12	1,355.54	442.36
" 19	1,615.86	452.35
" 26	1,789.09	461.41

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:—

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	87.55	30.76
" 29	75.59	29.88
May 6	33.03	27.17
" 13	30.57	25.07
" 20	31.93	25.06
" 27	33.86	25.36
June 3	27.48	24.85
" 10	27.37	19.59
" 17	30.18	14.04
" 24	27.14	11.03
July 1	27.21	23.71
" 8	27.25	10.91
" 15	25.77	17.87
" 22	25.82	23.23
" 29	31.53	22.81
Aug. 5	31.85	25.17
" 12	38.27	28.23
" 19	39.36	25.80
" 26	51.47	26.91

1929 rainfall .5614 inches

1929 rainfall .5610 inches

Average .6442 inches

Deficit .8228 inches

30,000 CIGARETTES

DUTY NOT BEEN PAID BY SHIP HAWKER

MAXIMUM PENALTY IMPOSED

A Chinese named Lo Lam, who rents a space on board the s.s. "Sui Tai" for \$37 per month for the purpose of selling sundries to passengers, was this morning charged before Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of 30,000 cigarettes on which duty had not been paid.

Revenue Officer Grimmit, who prosecuted, said that Revenue men made a search soon after the ship's arrival at 6.30 p.m., yesterday, and the dutiable cigarettes were found in two sacks.

Defendant was fined the maximum penalty of \$500.

Mr. G. M. Lahiri, of Messrs. Rogers and Son, advocates and solicitors, Kuala Lumpur, has gone to Singapore to join the legal firm of Messrs. Goh and Co.

MORE ABOUT THE "KAU SING"

REPLY TO CHAMBER

HARBOUR MASTER STRESSES THE MAIN FACTOR

"THE SAVING OF TIME"

The Colonial Secretary has forwarded to the "China Mail" and to the General Chamber of Commerce the accompanying copy of the reply of the Harbour Master to the Chamber's letter to the Editors of the Hong Kong newspapers, regarding the Harbour Master's observations in Sessional Paper No. 2 of 1929, on the subject of the rescue tug "Kau Sing."

I wish to point out in the first place that my remarks in Sessional Paper No. 2 of 1929 were not intended as a complete general criticism of the "Kau Sing." Such criticisms as were offered were intended merely to supplement the answers to the questions asked by Sir Henry Pollock in regard to the feasibility and cost of substituting motor engines for the present engines of the "Kau Sing."

What Was Actually Said

2. In summarising what is described to be my case the Chamber of Commerce states that I intended to convey that "the boiler installation is unsuitable because too long a time is taken in getting up steam"; what I actually said was: "from cold boilers it takes 12 hours to raise steam, and even with fires banked in one boiler it is not considered safe to send her outside harbour limits until such time as steam has been raised in the second boiler." I did not intend to convey that for the purpose for which the "Kau Sing" was specially designed, that is, to render assistance to shipping during the typhoon weather, the boiler installation was considered unsuitable, since ample warning is normally received of the approach of typhoons, and also, during the typhoon season, from June 15 till October 15 approximately the "Kau Sing" is always kept under a steam pressure of 10 pounds with banked fires. If on the other hand the "Kau Sing" is expected to be able to raise steam quickly, and go out to the assistance of shipping in distress outside the harbour when she is not under banked fires, as in the case of the "Hsin Wah," then the present boiler installation must be considered unsatisfactory.

This would apply only during the period from October 15 till June 15 when the "Kau Sing" is not under banked fires. Thus in the recent case of the grounding of the s.s. "Lok Sun" the "Kau Sing" was under banked fires, it being the typhoon season, and she was therefore able to get under way at short notice and to be the first to arrive to the assistance of the "Lok Sun."

What He Intended to Convey

In short what I intended to convey was that for purely rescue work in the harbour during typhoons, for which purpose the tug was primarily built, the boiler installation is satisfactory, but if the "Kau Sing" is also to be required at any time to undertake the work of an emergency lifeboat, her boiler installation is not satisfactory.

3.—Again in its summary of what is conceived to be my case, the Chamber of Commerce states that I take the position that as it would be uneconomical to convert the "Kau Sing" from her present steam power to Diesel motor power that I recommend selling her and building a new tug with twin screws. This statement of my position is misleading. My recommendation was in no-wise based on the nature of the "Kau Sing's" engines, but entirely on her unhandiness by having but a single screw, and what I said was: "as this tug, fitted with only a single screw, is very difficult to manage in typhoon weather, I am unable to recommend a further expenditure of \$355,000 on her; that is, for converting her engines to motor engines."

Three Points at Issue

4. The Chamber of Commerce in its letter indicated as the three points at issue the following:—

(a) Diesel or Steam Power.

(b) Twin or Single Screw.

(c) The appropriate qualifications of the navigating officer.

(a) With regard to (a), I may simply deny that this is a point on which I join issue with the

TELEPHONE GIRLS IN A PANIC

'CHANGE "ON FIRE"

SWITCHBOARD SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSES FUSING

ALL QUIET IN ICE HOUSE-ST.

About thirty telephone girls of several nationalities streamed out of Central Exchange, No. 2, Duddell-street, at about half past nine this morning. Some of them appeared to have been panic-stricken because they thought a fire had broken out!

The building is that on the east side of Duddell-street, behind the site now being prepared for the National City Bank of New York and adjacent to Messrs. Lamont Bros' auction rooms. It is comparatively narrow but it stretches across to Ice House-street, on which frontage there is a fire escape.

Owing, it is stated, to a short circuit, there was a little fusing in the switchboard on the 2nd (top) floor. A few sparks were noticed and then the confusion ensued. The outbreak might or might not have had more serious consequences but the presence of mind of a Chinese workman saved the day. He took one of the fire extinguishers on the premises (which are liberally "splashed" with anti-fire notices) and soon had the puny flames subdued.

Crowd of Sightseers

Engineers of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., proceeded from the head office in Exchange-building, but it was all over when they got there.

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HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors
the following list of some of the
highest points on the Island and
Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Tyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1800
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Ripside)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

COMMERCE
AND
FINANCE.

The amount carried forward to the
current year—viz., \$15,518, 12s. 2d.,
is fully \$5,500 higher than the cor-
responding balance two years ago.
Further allocations to reserve ac-
count will be necessary in the next
year or two to provide for the de-
velopment and upkeep of the young
areas.

Crop Estimate

In arriving at the estimated crops
of 1,325,000 lb. our managers have
made allowance for resting during
the wintering period and also at
other times throughout the year
when considered advisable for the
welfare of the estate. Bark renewal
is reported to be satisfactory, and is
being improved by cultivation and
drainage. The visiting agent reports
that the estates are in good order
generally.

Much hard and efficient work has
been done by our staff in the East,
under the guidance of our agents and
visiting agent, and I feel sure some
shareholder will wish to express our
appreciation by moving a vote of
thanks to them before we separate
to-day.

Our share of the expenditure on
Anak Kulum Estate for the year
amounted to \$4,476, and the loan ac-
count, which represents our interest
in the property, now stands at
\$30,647 10s. 4d.

Planting Programme

At December 31 last there were
3,214½ acres planted with rubber
trees, and eight acres planted with co-
conuts. Progress is now being made
with the opening up of a further
area of 421 acres to the planted up
with rubber during the current year
and it is intended to clear and plant
an additional 400 acres during 1930.

The Continental situation was in-
fluenced, the buying even there being
also of short duration, and the higher
prices inducing a little selling and
realisation. Generally speaking, the
volume of buying under the circum-
stances, and further having in view the
quiet conditions previously prevailing,
was rather disappointing, but some
improvement in this respect may be
expected now that prices have settled
down again, and the market is pre-
sented a firmer undertone.

The market in America has display-
ed a slightly easier tendency, pro-
ducers showing rather more willing-
ness to meet the demand. The statis-
tics published there during the week
(some particulars of which we append
below) disclosed an increase in the
stocks of 3,106 tons, but had little in-
fluence on the course of the market.

Options:—Double \$1.10.0; Single
15/-

	Opening	Closing
July	\$25.10.0	\$25.7.5
August	\$25.8.9	\$25.10.3
September	\$25.8.9	\$25.12.3
October	\$25.8.9	\$25.12.6

Turnover for the week 5,000 tons.
American statistics:—

	May	June
Production	56,958	52,953
Amount shipped	57,720	49,847
Stocks at end month	33,826	36,932
Retorts operating	73,251	72,987

BANKING FACILITIES

INSTITUTION THAT PAYS
BILLS

Something new in banking is offered
by a new trust company which has
been organized and will shortly open
its doors in Scotland, a Westchester
County suburb of New York. What
chiefly draws attention to the bank
is the plan to pay the bills of de-
positors without their bothering to
write the cheques; for it, or simply
the bill to the bank properly
approved for payment. It is also
announced that women as well as men
will be members of the board of di-
rectors. The bank will be known as
the Trust Company of Scotland.
"The New York Times" thus com-
ments on the scheme:—

When bills come in, they need only
be looked over, approved for payment,
and bundled off to the mail-box. The
bank will then pay the bills of its
patrons, deducting such payments
from the accounts of the payees.

Evidently a bid is to be made for
the patronage of women, for various
prominent women of Scotland will
be invited to sit in at the company's
councils.

But what a temptation to extravagance
in shopping is likely to prove!
Many a woman who would hesitate
to fork out three crisp ten-dollar bills
for a charming little hat, which she
doesn't really need, feels not a
quint of extravagance when she
writes a cheque for it, or simply
says "Charge it to my account."
And if the process of paying is made
completely painless—only an initialled
O. K. on a bill—shopping for tempting
finery should receive a great stimulus.
Both little milliners and grand
countermistresses will wish the bank the
best of success.

EMERALD RUBBER

BIGGER PROFITS IN DIFFICULT
YEAR

The seventeenth annual general
meeting of shareholders of the
Emerald Rubber and Coconut Co.,
Ltd., was held at the registered
office, 124, St. Vincent-street, Glas-
gow, Sir Robert D. Moncrieff, Bt.,
C.B., C.M.G., V.D., T.D. (chairman),
presiding.

In presenting the report of the
directors for the year to January 31,
1929, the chairman said:—Gentlemen,
—When I had the pleasure of ad-
dressing you last year, the outlook
for the rubber-growing industry was
anything but promising, and there
were many dismal prophecies as to
the likely trend of affairs in the fol-
lowing year or two with unrestricted
production. However much we
may deplore the method adopted by
the Government for the removal of
restriction in October last, the im-
mediate task of the boards of rubber-
growing companies was to find the
best way of meeting the unpleasant
situation.

Some companies, probably because
of the absolute necessity to reduce
costs of production to a figure which
would show a small margin of profit
or at least minimise the loss sus-
tained by selling at "panic prices,"
decided to tap all out, but the major-
ity appear to have followed the wis-
er course of tapping on a conserva-
tive basis, which provides for a cer-
tain proportion of the estates being
allowed to rest for a period.

Fortunately, owing to the exten-
sion of road transport in almost
every country, and the largely in-
creased consumption in U.S.A., the
large accumulations have been and
are being well absorbed. A continua-
tion of the present rate of absorp-
tion should result in a steadier
market, and possibly an improving
price for the commodity.

Increase in Profits

Considering that the period covered
by the accounts was probably one
of the worst ever experienced by the
rubber industry, I think you will
agree with me that the result of
the above policy is a few hundred
pounds better than that of the pre-
vious year.

By refraining from paying a final
dividend last year the sum which we
carried forward was increased to
about \$10,000, and it is proposed
providing for the proposed dividend of
8 per cent. and \$2,000 for depre-
ciation of buildings, plant and machin-
ery we propose to transfer \$8,000 to
the credit of reserve account, thus
bringing our capital, premium, and
reserve accounts into closer relation
with the cost of our own estates and
our share of the cost of Anak Kulum
Estate.

Spelter has been irregular: the
prices have been followed
by reaction, leaving the price
a shade lower for July but
5/- higher for October, whereby
a contango of 5/- has been established
as compared with a backwardation of
1/3d. last week, the easier conditions
prevailing for this month being due to
the arrival and liquidation of metal
surplus to requirements. The firmness
earlier in the week, when up to 25
18s. 9d. was paid, may be attributed to
reports that, at a meeting of the
European Zinc Cartel, it was decided
that the reduction in output hitherto
in force at 5 per cent. would be raised
to 10 per cent. to be operative from
August 1 until the end of the year.
This announcement stimulated a little
advance, prices gave way again, the
market, however, closing with a
steadier undertone. In a similar way,

	May	June
Output	162,000	156,000
Exports	55,000	49,000
Domestic deliveries	94,000	95,000
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Blister Stocks	261,000	251,000

Lead has been irregular. The mar-
ket opened with rather firmer tendency
and up to 23s. 3d. was paid for
September on Tuesday, since when,
however, the market reacted, the easier
tendency being slightly accentuated by
the reduction of the price in the U.S.A.
on Wednesday by 15 points to 6½
cents. Consequently, the market at the
close to-day shows practically no
change as compared with last Friday.
Business with consumers in this coun-
try is only moderate and quiet condi-
tions have prevailed on the Continent.
At the same time, there has been no
particular pressure to sell, the price
being regarded as sufficiently low and
not offering much attraction to sellers.
The easier tone in America, failing to
produce a corresponding weakness on
this side, might be taken as an indica-
tion that fundamental conditions here
are fairly sound, and prices therefore
would readily respond to improving
sentiments and any broadening in demand
on the part of consumers.

Options:—Double, \$4.10.0; Single,
22.5.0.

	Opening	Closing
Cash	\$72.5.0	\$71.5.0
Three months	\$72.5.0	\$72.2.5
Turnover for the week 5,000 tons.		

N.B.—Copper.—The American
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MOREA	10,553	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	10,946	29th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	12th Oct.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
MIRZAPUR	6,735	16th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KALYAN	9,124	26th Oct.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.

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*DALGOMA	5,353	30th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
*GARETTA	5,327	15th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	14th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	3,013	18th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,330	21st Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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*TANDA	6,556	30th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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NELLORE	6,553	1st Nov.	
TANDA	6,556	29th Nov.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	3rd Jan.	

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KARMALA	9,128	30th	Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NAGPORE	5,233	4th	Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	10th	Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
MANTUA	10,946	14th	Sept.	Shanghai.
TILAWA	10,000	14th	Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*MIRZAPORE	6,716	15th	Sept.	Moji & Kobe.
TALAMBA	3,013	19th	Sept.	Amoy, Shal, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	27th	Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NELLORE	6,553	29th	Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,330	1st	Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
DETTA	5,037	7th	Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	6,000	8th	Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

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All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

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SOUTH AMERICAN OUTLOOK

Lord Kysant, G.C.M.G., the chair-
man, presided over the twentieth
annual meeting of the Argentine
Navigation Co. (Nicolas Mihanovich),
Ltd., at Winchester House, London.
The Chairman, in moving the adop-
tion of the report and accounts, said:—
Before dealing with the
ordinary business I desire to express
my regret and that of my colleagues
on the board at the death of the
original founder of the company.
Don Nicolas Mihanovich was born in
1846, and, after spending some years
at sea, landed at Monte Video at the
age of eighteen, obtaining employment
in connection with the work on the
River Plate. There were no quays
at Buenos Ayres in those days, and the
ocean-going vessels lay at anchor off
the port, passengers and cargo being
conveyed to and from the shore in
small craft.

Don Nicolas first hired and then
became the owner of a number of
these small craft, and thus, in 1876,
formed the nucleus of the present
business, using as his office a small
room on exactly the same site as that
now occupied by our office in Buenos
Ayres. The building of the port of
Buenos Ayres to accommodate
steamers alongside the quays large-
ly superseded the original basis of
the business, but, with characteristic
enterprise and energy, Don Nicolas
turned his attention to providing pas-
senger and cargo services to connect
Buenos Ayres with the various ports
and places on the River Parana and
the River Paraguay. From these modest
beginnings the business has developed
into a vast network of coastwise and
river services carrying passengers and
of the great republics of Argentina,
Uruguay, Paraguay, and Brazil.

Though this may be described as a
river business, it must be borne in
mind that the rivers of South America
are, as regards navigation, anything
we are accustomed to in this country.
From the vast estuary of the River
Plate rivers radiate and run inland for
thousands of miles, on the banks of
which many towns and villages are
linked together by these great water-
ways and by this company's shipping
services. The extent of the ramifica-
tions of these services is indicated
by the fact that during 1928 four
vessels covered 2,125,000 miles. In
addition, we provide extensive and up-
to-date facilities for carrying cargo and
salvage work, and carry on well-
equipped shipbuilding and shiprepair-
ing establishments, &c. In 1903 Don
Nicolas Mihanovich turned the under-
taking into an Argentine company,
and in 1909 the present company was
formed, of which I have been chair-
man for the last twelve years.

The reports of the directors and
accounts for the year ended December
31, 1928, which have been in your
possession for some time, show that
the results obtained have fulfilled the
hopes which I expressed when last I
had the pleasure of addressing you,
as we are able to recommend the re-
sumption of a dividend on the
Ordinary shares. When I became our
chairman twelve years ago no dividend
had been paid on the Ordinary shares
of this company for some years, and
it has been very interesting work
getting this old business on a sound
basis. I cannot help feeling proud
to-day that after the years' work
with the loyal assistance of my col-
leagues and the officials of the com-
pany, we are able to submit such a
satisfactory report to the shareholders.

Last year the whole of the arrears
of the six per cent. Cumulative Pre-
ference shares were cleared off, and
out of the divisible profits the board
now recommend the payment of a
final dividend which, with the interim
dividend paid in February, will make
a total distribution for the year of
10 per cent. of the Preference shares
and also 10 on the Ordinary shares.
You will recall that the whole of the
reserve fund we had built up in pre-
vious years was drawn upon during
the prolonged strikes that occurred in
1920 and 1921, and that last year we
set aside £100,000 for the purpose of
again establishing an appropriate
reserve. This year we have added
a similar amount to the reserve ac-
count, which now stands at £200,000.
In this respect and also in regard to
depreciation, for which we have pro-
vided ample funds, our position fol-
lows a sound, conservative policy,
of which I am sure you will approve.
The insurance account stands at over
£264,000.

Our fleet, which has been main-
tained in good condition, consists of 264
vessels of a total of over 98,000 gross
register tons. In continuance of our
policy of replacing older craft by
new and up-to-date tonnage, we have

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been
obtained by the use of the auto-
matic Tide-gauge, which includes 40 com-
ponents for the better prediction of
tides, from the result of the analysis
of the tidal observations, taken at
the Kowloon tidal observatory under
the direction of Dr. Dobson during
the years 1897, 1898 and 1899.

The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.

The times of high and low-water
must not be considered as exact, but
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

August 27 to September 2, 1929.

Date	High Water	Lower Water	Time	Height
Aug. 27	Standard Time	Standard Time	Time	Height
Tues. 27	5.17	5.8	8.15	5.7
	5.58	4.6	7.38	5.5
Wed. 28	5.9	5.1	10.16	5.8
	6.1	4.2	8.13	5.8
Thurs. 29	6.53	6.5	0.4	6.0
	7.2	5.4	1.14	6.1
Fri. 30	6.48	6.9	1.13	6.1
	6.18	4.1	10.55	6.2
Sat. 31	5.58	7.2	1.59	6.1
	6.3	4.4		
Sun. 1	7.3	7.8	0.18	6.0
	6.2	4.8	2.39	5.8
Mon. 2	6.4	7.8	0.1	5.7
	10.2	4.7	3.15	6.7

added no less than fifteen new units
to the fleet during the period under
review. Since the close of the year,
two further new motor cargo vessels
have been placed in commission, as
well as a powerful new tug which
towed out a couple of tank lighters
specially built for refuelling our up-
river motorships.

Two fine new passenger motorships
for our main line, Parana-Paraguay
service, the "Ciudad de Asuncion" and
"Ciudad de Corrientes," are now under
construction, and it is hoped that the
first will be ready before the end of
this year. For the particular local
requirements of our service on the
upper reaches of the Alto Parana
a new passenger motorship has been
specially designed, which should be
available early next year. This
vessel, to be named "Guayra," should
greatly assist in developing the tourist
traffic visiting the Falls of that name,
as well as the wonderful and world-
famous Iguazu Falls. Plans are also
under consideration for a new pas-
senger and cargo motorship for the
Alto Parana River, our most northerly
service, running up as far as
Columba in Brazil, a distance of
nearly 1,900 miles from Buenos
Ayres.

We are now building four more
cargo motorships of the Cardiff class,
as the four new vessels of this type
already in service have proved so satis-
factory. These new boats will be
named "Amberes," "Barcelona,"
"Genova," and "Hamburgo." An ad-
ditional powerful new tug and six
more lighters are also in hand, whilst
orders for further tugs and lighters
are in contemplation. From this it
is in contemplation of providing new
equipment, out of shipbuilding pro-
gramme, to which unremitting at-
tention is given, you will realise that
we are constantly modernising the
type, and increasing the efficiency of
our fleet, which is well adapted to the
special requirements of the important
services which we are carrying on.

During 1928 the number of pas-
sengers carried by our vessels showed
a steady advance, whilst the amount
of cargo also increased, with the ex-
ception of fruit shipment.

Towage and Salvage
During the year under review, our
towage services showed further ex-
pansion, necessitating the provision of
the new tugs I have referred to, which
has been justified by a reasonable
increase in revenue from this source.

There was also a heavier demand
upon the salvage services, for which
our organisation is so well equipped,
and our earnings under this head
have increased, as a set-off against
considerable extra expenditure in pro-
viding special salvage pumps, &c., in
the new tugs recently built.

The cost of all classes of fuel
showed a satisfactory reduction, com-
pared with the previous year, the
lower price for coal accounting for
the greater part of the saving. Look-
ing to the number of our
vessels, propelled by internal com-
bustion engines, we have arranged to
cover our requirements of oil fuel for
some time ahead.

Low water was again experienced
in the rivers in the first two months
of 1929, which affected our cargo
sailings during that period, as the lack
of water necessitated reduced drafts
with consequent curtailment of cargo
in each vessel. In the early part of
the present year serious flooding of
the rivers took place, which proved
even more detrimental to our service,
than inadequacy of water, as in many
cases the low-lying districts were in-
undated, and communication with the
higher land was interrupted for a
considerable time. Although mat-
ters had improved at the close of the
year, the latest advances, complete recovery
and the re-building of embankments, &c.,
must inevitably take some time.

In our shipbuilding and shiprepair-
ing establishments at Avellaneda and
Carmelo, the year's work resulted
in a very large increase in the output
of the factory when compared with the
losses which have been incurred in
previous years. After the settlement
of the strike in 1927, to which I re-
ferred last year, which threw out of
action the whole of the pneumatic riveting
yards were re-organised with
beneficial results.

Labour
During the first half of 1928, the
company's services were considerably
affected by the strikes at Rosario and
Rosario and Santa Fe, which caused
serious delays in dealing with cargo
and consequent considerable diversion
of traffic to other routes. Later in
the year, agitation commenced
amongst the lower paid members of
our crews, and notwithstanding sub-
stantial concessions made by the com-
pany to bring the pay of the lower
ranks more into accord with that of
the higher ratings, the men were called
out on strike on October 6, just
prior to our accession to office of the
new president, Dr. Frigoyen.

The difficulty was gradually met by
replacing the strikers, under protec-
tion afforded by the authorities, and
eventually, on October 28, at the re-
quest of President Frigoyen, who in-
vited us personally to agree to take
our men back without recognition of
the union which had caused the trou-
ble. Naturally, after a distur-
bance of this kind, reinstatement
was not an easy matter, and it was
late in November before the inevi-
table difficulties were finally overcome,
and all our vessels had resumed ser-
vice. This had a distinctly adverse
effect on our cargo and passenger re-
venue for the second half of 1928.

Early this year demands were
formulated for an enormous all-round
increase in the wages of the person-
nel of the fleet. These demands,
which involved raising wages to a
level no less than two-and-a-half
times higher than that ruling in 1913,
had to be withstood. By the per-
sonal initiative of President Frigoyen,
and with his assurance that a strike
would not be sanctioned, this com-
pany, together with the owners of
other vessels engaged in the Argen-
tine coasting trade, made a careful
and exhaustive re-examination of the
whole situation. After many dis-
cussions with the Minister of the In-
terior and also with the president
himself, an amicable settlement was
arrived at, by which the lower paid
ranks were brought up to a standard
generally recognised as reasonable, and
the matter has thus been placed upon a
lasting satisfactory basis, and that
the personal influence which the Pre-
sident of the Republic exercised in
attaining this result, makes a valuable
contribution to what all realise as being
essential for the further development
of the resources of the country,
namely, the assurance that steady
progress, which companies such

as ours promote by provid-
ing adequate and reliable means
of transport, will not be dis-
turbed by such frequent labour
troubles as have in the past had such
far-reaching and detrimental effects
upon the trade and commerce of
Argentina.

I desire to express the directors'
cordial appreciation of the services of
our local board at Buenos Ayres,
under the able chairmanship of
Don Alberto Dolero, who, in particu-
lar, by his tactful handling of the
difficult labour situation, materially
assisted in bringing about the amic-
able settlement to which I have re-
ferred. We are very pleased to wel-
come to-day Sir Hilary Long and Mr.
W. J. Maclean, two valued members
of the local board, with whom it is a
great advantage to be able to dis-
cuss at first hand matters affecting
the company's interests. I wish also
to accord the warm thanks of the
board to the manager, Don Luis
Dolero, for the able and energetic
manner in which he has conducted
the company's affairs on the spot, and
to convey to him and all those who
assist him our appreciation of their
good work for the company.

The views I ventured to express
a year ago concerning the return of
Dr. Frigoyen to the Presidency of the
Argentine Republic for a further
period have been fully justified by the
impartial manner in which he dealt
with the difficult labour problems
that confronted him immediately on
assuming office. I feel confident
that, with the experience gained dur-
ing his long tenure of the Presidency,
combined with his intense devotion to
its duties and high ideals for his
country, we may look forward hope-
fully to the further development and
progress of the great Republic. The
trade of Argentina is increasing and
the prospects are distinctly bright,
although the immediate outlook is a
little uncertain, owing to the lower
world price of wheat and doubt as to
the size of the next harvest, due to
drought, but in a country which de-
pends so largely on the exports of
cereals, it is inevitable that such
vicissitudes should be encountered.
Provided that labour disturbances
are avoided, this company's business
will, I hope, expand commensurate-
ly with the development of the fertile
lands which it serves.

Mr. John C. Gibson, C.R.E. (deputy
chairman) seconded, and the resolu-
tion was carried.

The declaration of the dividends,
the re-election of the directors and
the auditors, terminated the meeting.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" arrived at Nagasaki on
August 25 (Sun.) at 9 p.m., left
Nagasaki on August 26 (Mon.) at 7
a.m. and is due at Kobe on August
27 (Tues.) at 6 a.m. She leaves
Kobe on August 27 (Tues.) at 4 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia," Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R.,
will leave here for Kobe and Yokohama
on August 28 (Wed.) at 10 a.m. and
Kobe and Yokohama, at noon on Sep-
tember 4 (Wednesday).

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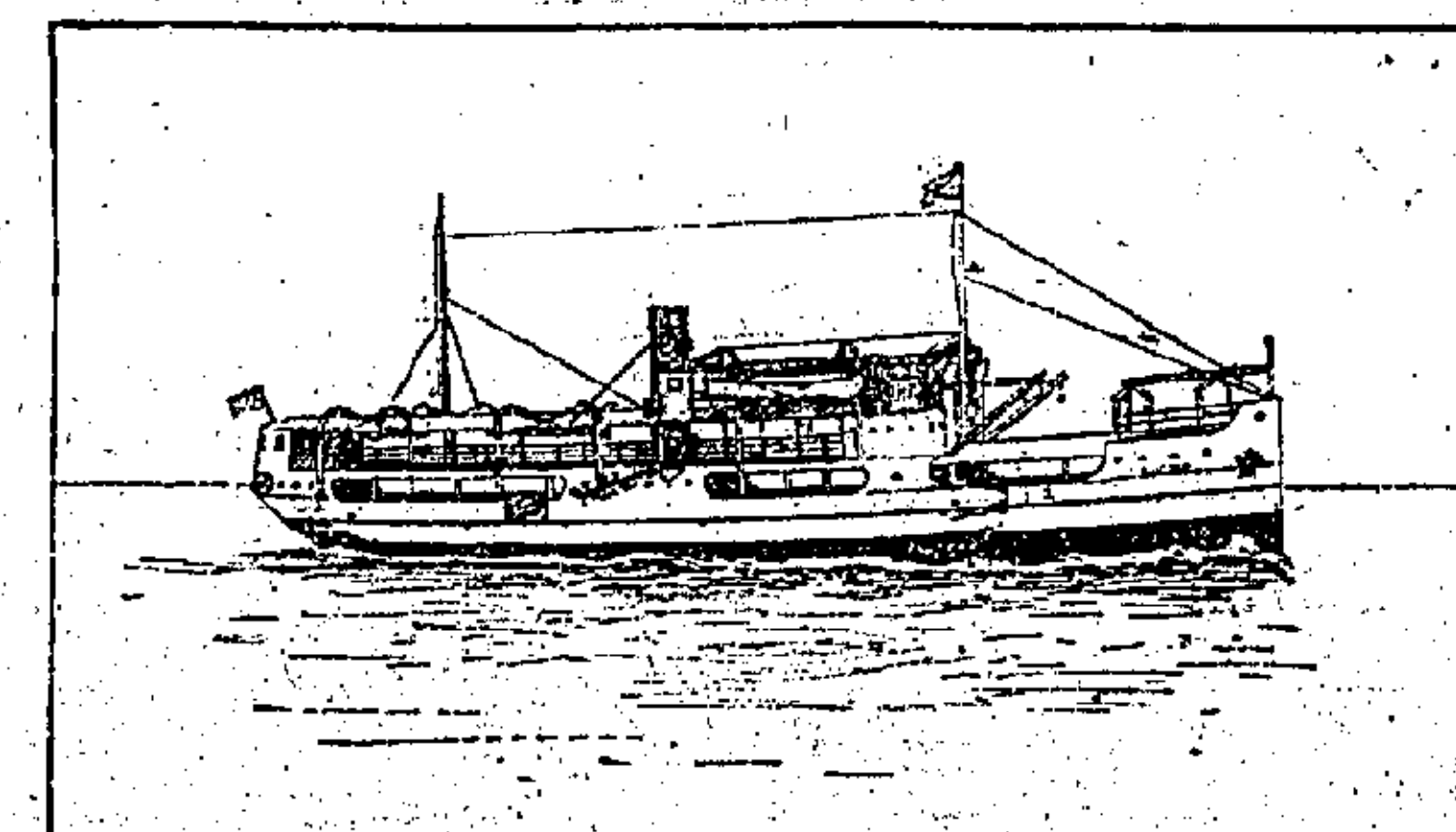
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BRITISH INTERESTS

There is nothing very original
 in the plea made in the "Sunday
 Times" (London) by a former re-
 sident of Shanghai that British
 interests can best be served by
 allowing the Shanghai Defence
 Force to remain there as it is the
 "only thing that stands between
 order and anarchy." The mere
 lack of originality, need not, how-
 ever, result in the plea falling on
 deaf ears, particularly so far
 as the British Foreign Office
 is concerned. In fact, there is
 such a tremendous amount of
 good common sense in the sug-
 gestion that it is entitled to be
 most strongly supported by every
 Briton not only in Shanghai but
 throughout the Far East.

Apart from the menace of the
 war clouds in Manchuria it cannot
 be said that the Chinese Govern-
 ment has had time to evolve order
 out of the chaos that undoubtedly
 prevailed throughout the breadth
 and length of the country when
 it assumed the reins of office in
 the new capital of Nanking.
 The wisest leaders of China
 would be the first to admit that
 so far the new Government has
 not worked wonders or miracles
 within such a short time. It
 needs to consolidate its power
 outside as well as inside the capi-
 tal itself. However willing, how-
 ever able it may be—or imagine
 itself to be—it cannot rush the
 whole country into adopting
 modern customs and laws that
 have been so long alien to it.

Moreover, any suggestion that
 British interests can best be
 served by the Shanghai Defence
 Force remaining out here cannot

be regarded as in any way inimi-
 cal to the Chinese Government.
 Nor can that Government cavil
 over the assertion that the Shang-
 hai Defence Force is "the only
 thing that stands between order
 and anarchy." Its very presence
 is an insurance policy of an in-
 valuable nature not only to for-
 eigners in the International
 Settlement but to the Chinese
 authorities themselves. The
 latter admit—and they are al-
 ways reiterating that the country
 is in a state of tutelage—that
 they have undertaken a formid-
 able programme of reforms. It
 is, therefore, logical to assume
 that they will welcome rather
 than resent the presence of any
 force in a particular part of the
 vast country that helps even in a
 moral sense to instil into the
 masses a respect for law and
 order. Thus can the retention of
 the Shanghai Defence Force be
 a powerful means for good to the
 Nationalist Government, quite
 apart from the equally honest
 plea of protecting British inter-
 ests there and throughout the
 Far East generally. The policy
 of the British Foreign Office has
 never been to obstruct another
 nation in its work of regenera-
 tion, but rather to do all that it
 legitimately can to assist in the
 furtherance of the good work.

The Rev. W. T. Featherstone re-
 turned to the Colony yesterday by
 the s.s. "Empress of Asia."

Mail dispatched from Friedrich-
 shafen dated August 15 per the
 "Graff Zeppelin" via Tokyo was
 delivered in Hong Kong yesterday,
 being eleven days in transit.

The total output of the Kailan
 Mining Administration's mines for
 the week ended August 10, amount-
 ed to 93,544 tons, and the sales
 during the period to 65,156 tons.

Yeung Sai (26) was fined \$10 or
 in default 14 days' hard labour by the
 Kowloon Magistrate, because he stole
 a jacket from a married Chinese
 woman living at 61, Apliu Street,
 Shamshuipo. The jacket was worth
 twenty cents.

Said to have been distressed on
 account of her home being destroyed
 by the typhoon, a young Chinese
 woman living in Wong-chuk-hang
 village, Aberdeen, committed suicide
 by hanging herself from a tree in
 the village.

News has been received here of
 the death of Mr. S. P. Hunt, a
 brother of Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E.,
 Secretary of the European
 Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, with whom
 much sympathy will be felt by a
 large circle of friends.

Mok Mun (16), living at No. 49,
 Wanchai-road, ground floor, was yester-
 day fatally injured on the head
 when a large earthenware pot fell
 on him from the second floor. He
 was unconscious when taken to the
 Government Civil Hospital, and died
 there at 4 o'clock this morning.

The first vocal rehearsal of Sidney
 Jones' opera, "The Geisha," by the
 Philharmonic Society, will take place
 in the Cathedral Hall on Monday
 next at 5.30 p.m.

The next change at the Majestic
 Theatre, Kowloon, will be Charlie
 Chaplin's excellent comedy "The
 Kid" in which he acts with Jackie
 Coogan, the children's favourite.
 The film will have a three days run.

According to the Canton News
 Agency, an order has been issued by
 the Provincial Government that all
 servants in Government offices must
 be in uniform, the design of which
 has not been published, but the mat-
 erial must be of native product.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the
 Kowloon Police Court sentenced Ip
 Hung (26) to three months' hard
 labour this morning for the theft of
 an alarm clock from stall No. 48 in
 Public Square Street. His record
 showed that he had one month jail
 for stealing just a year ago.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, yester-
 day, the owner of private
 motor car No. 2177 was summoned
 before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith for
 driving the car in a dangerous
 manner in Nathan-road, at 11 a.m.
 on August 1. According to the
 evidence defendant drove the car
 from Middle-road to the Majestic
 Theatre at 43 miles per hour. An
 employee attended Court and told
 the Magistrate that the owner of
 the car was unable to be present
 because he had a headache. He
 admitted the offence, however. A
 fine of \$20 was imposed.

PRETTY WEDDING

MR. JOE E. FARMER WEDDED
 IN MANITOBA

A CANADIAN BRIDE

A pretty wedding was solemnised at
 St. Barnabas Church, Somerset, Mani-
 toba, on July 10, when Mr. John Eric
 Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.
 Farmer, Hong Kong, and Canton
 and Miss Grace Hainsworth
 Kent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F.
 Kent, of Ontario and Manitoba, were
 joined in Holy Wedlock.
 The Rev. Mr. Ashley of Carleton
 Place, and the Rev. E. Lewes of
 Somerset, officiated.

The Church had been beautifully
 decorated by young friends of the
 bride, with pink and white peonies,
 and wild roses—the six principal pews
 on each side, for guests, being marked by
 bunches of roses, and "baby's breath"
 tied with white and satin ribbon bows.

Many relatives and friends from
 Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba
 were present at the Church, and after-
 ward at the reception given by Mr. and
 Mrs. Kent, at the home of the bride.

The bride was led to the altar by
 her father, to the strains of
 Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."
 She was gown in white satin char-
 meuse, with veil of antique embroidered
 net, held in place by a coronet of
 orange blossoms, and carried a
 bouquet of bridal roses and lilies of
 the valley.

The bridesmaid, Miss Grace Wilson,
 a school-friend of the bride, wore a
 georgette frock in shades of mauve,
 and carried coloured sweet peas to
 match.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Kent, wore
 blue with a bouquet of pink and white
 carnations.

The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Wm.
 Farmer, wore grey silk, and carried
 red peonies.

Mr. Allan Kent, brother of the bride
 attended the groom.

During the signing of the register
 the Rev. Mr. E. Lewes sang "At
 Dawning."

A girl friend of the bride's family
 played the music for the service ex-
 cept the Wedding Marches which were
 given by the Organist from Carleton.

The bride's travelling costume was a
 confection of pink and mauve.

After the honeymoon, spent nictor-
 ing through Manitoba, the happy
 couple will reside in Milestone, Sask.;
 where Mr. J. E. Farmer is Acting
 Manager of the Canadian Bank of Com-
 merce.

60 ROOSTERS

ARRIVE FOR PERFORMANCE

HERE

CROWING DRAWS CROWDS

Torcat's 60 trained roosters arrived
 in the Colony this morning on board
 the Messagerie Maritime s.s. "Athos"
 from Japan and Shanghai.
 The vessel berthed at the No. 3 wharf,
 Kowloon Godown and the birds were
 taken on shore in their cages and re-
 moved to the Star Ferry Wharf.

The roosters of all shades and
 beauty, were kept in big blue front
 slanted wooden cages, with about three
 layers, each holding four roosters in a
 separate box.

There were five of these cages, and
 the crowing of the fowls drew quite a
 crowd, who were astonished to see that
 at the bottom of each rooster's cage was
 its name.

The fowls looked very happy enjoy-
 ing their meal of padi.

The cages in which they were put
 were marked "Live Birds: Handle
 With Care."

Mr. Torcat is the originator of the
 rooster act, and his troupe are the
 only trained cocks in the world. He is
 assisted by Mlle. Flor D'Alina, and they
 will make an appearance in the Queen's
 Theatre shortly.

STUDENT DROWNED

SON OF A FORMER POLICE
 OFFICER

SAD END TO PICNIC

The many friends in Hong Kong of
 Mr. J. J. Watt, known familiarly as
 "Blackie," who was formerly a De-
 tective Inspector in the Hong Kong
 Police Force, and since his retirement
 some years ago has settled down on
 the family farm, "Little Elrick," Maud,
 Aberdeenshire, will sympathise with
 him and the other members of the
 well-known family, on the tragic death
 of his eldest son, Robert John Brownie
 Watt, on July 18.

John, who was only 21 years of age
 at the time of his death, was drowned
 whilst bathing at Alberta, Canada.
 Going home with his father at the
 time of the latter's retirement, young
 John worked on the family farm for a
 time, and then, like many youths of
 the Old Country, he decided to try his
 luck in Canada.

Studying for Ministry

He emigrated in 1926 and soon
 found work on a farm in Alberta.
 After about 12 months of farming in
 Canada, John who had saved some
 money, entered College to study for
 the ministry, and the tragedy occurred
 whilst he was out picnicking with a
 party of fellow students.

Other of young John's relatives
 who, like his father, were formerly
 well-known residents of Hong Kong,

P'RAPs

P'RAPs NOT!

Magistrate: "You say defendant
 struck you three times and knocked
 you down?" Witness: "He did, sir."
 "And what did you do then?" "I
 asked him if he'd finished."

A gaily decorated car, taking a
 newly married couple from a Belfast
 church, had on the back in large
 letters the inscription:—
 "Aisle Altar Hymn."

"I got sad news. My dog died
 last night."

"What did it do, swallow a
 tapeline and die by inches or did it
 run up the alley and die by the
 yard?"

"Naw, it crawled under the bed
 and died by the foot."

"It's scandalous to think they're
 going to charge you all that money
 for towing three or four miles,
 George."

"Never mind, dear. I'm getting
 back at them. I've got the brakes
 on."

Peggy had been "listening-in" for
 the first time. A few days after-
 wards she was taken seriously ill,
 and one evening, on his arrival home
 from the office, her father asked her
 how she was. "Oh, daddy," she
 exclaimed, "the doctor's been
 listening-in to my tummy!"

A Welshman was playing a golf
 match in which he was getting the
 worst of it. He was obviously
 chagrined, but kept his temper.

However, on one tee, where his
 opponent sliced badly, the Welshman
 exclaimed: "Ah, I'm afraid you're
 in the bunker. I hope."

Ten-year-old Mary had won a
 scholarship, and was telling her
 mother about the papers.

The subject for essay had been,
 "How I spend my Saturday morn-
 ing," and after discoursing on
 minding the baby, helping mother
 wash up, and so on, Mary ended
 with the amazing statement, "and
 then I play a game of chess with
 my brother."

"Chess! But you can't play
 chess!"

"I know. I wanted to put
 dominoes, but I couldn't spell it."

The vicar was paying a visit to
 the homes of his poorer parishion-
 ers, and in the house of a certain
 costermonger he asked many ques-
 tions about the family. A very
 grubby, but very cheerful, lad
 attracted the kindly cleric's atten-
 tion, and he asked him his name.

"Reginald D'Arcy Smith, sir," re-
 plied the lad, with a grin.

The vicar turned to the boy's
 father. "Whatever did you give
 him a name like that for?" "Cos
 I want 'im ter be a professional
 boxer," returned the parent, "and
 wiv a name like that he'll get a bit
 o' practice at school."

A new soap was being put on the
 market by a firm of perfume
 makers, and before its introduction
 the manufacturers organised a big
 competition offering a prize for the
 best slogan advertising their latest
 product.

Entries soon began to arrive, and
 in less than a month the offices of
 the company were almost filled with
 bundles of postcards and letters.

After the closing date adjudica-
 tion was commenced, and the follow-
 ing came to light shortly after:—
 "If you don't use our soap," wrote
 the competitor, "for heaven's sake
 use our perfume."

At a school in a small mining
 town a teacher was speaking to a
 class of five-year-olds on their atti-
 tude at prayer-time.

"When you kneel down," she said
 in her most reverent tone, "you
 should close your eyes and fold
 your hands."

She was about to read a child's
 prayer, when a small voice piped—
 "Please, teacher, mother don't fold
 her hands nor shut her eyes when
 she says her prayers."

The teacher hesitated, but before
 she could reply the voice continued,

MAILS RUSHED

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT AT GALWAY

BY AIR TO CROYDON

London, Yesterday. A successful experiment with speeding up the trans-Atlantic mail was carried out yesterday when 5,000 letters, weighing 100 lb., were landed by the German Lloyd liner "Karlshafen" and landed at Galway (Ireland) and then rushed by air to Croydon.—Reuter.

"KAU SING"

(Continued from page 1.)

the open sea, but the conditions in the Atlantic or English Channel cannot be compared to picking up a tow in typhoon weather in the confined waters of Hong Kong Harbour. The "Kau Sing" had plenty of room in which to manoeuvre and was not bound by considerations of time, whereas the "Kau Sing" is expected to pick up tow with the least possible delay. Time in her case is of paramount importance, for should there be any delay at all the ship she is endeavouring to rescue may drift ashore. She has further more to manoeuvre in a confined space of water and amongst other ships. Under these conditions the tug required to do the work must be the handiest possible; and the more facilities she possesses for turning sharply on her heel, such as would be given by the putting of one engine full ahead and the other engine full astern in a twin screw vessel, the more efficient she becomes. A good example of this may be seen any day in Colombo Harbour where the two tugs "Samson" and "Goliath," each of which is twin screw and of the same horse power as the "Kau Sing," handle ships in the quickest manner possible in all conditions of weather.

Duties of Tug Master

(c) With regard to (c) it may be conceded that the duties of a tug master are highly specialised, but does not follow that a first class tug-master, accustomed to handling ships at ports such as London, Liverpool or on the Clyde would be an efficient tug master in Hong Kong Harbour during a typhoon. Should a special tug master be imported for duties in the "Kau Sing" he would be employed on this special work perhaps four days during the year under typhoon conditions, and would obtain the same amount of experience of handling the tug as does the Boarding Officer at present detailed as master, and he would be of practically no use to the Harbour Department outside these special duties. It is obvious that this would be an exceedingly uneconomical arrangement. The present practice is to detail the junior Boarding Officers for work in the "Kau Sing" and to give them as much experience as possible of handling the tug by sending them out in charge when the tug goes out for lighthouse reliefs and such duties. These officers have proved their efficiency, and I am of opinion that if the "Kau Sing" had been constructed as a twin screw craft there would be no possibility of delay in assisting ships in typhoon weather with these officers in command.

5. In conclusion I would reiterate my opinion that for the purpose for which the "Saint" Class of tugs was used during the War the "Kau Sing" is a most excellent and seaworthy craft, and would be extremely efficient for deep sea towage, for example, on a towing trip from Hong Kong to Singapore, but that for work in confined waters with no room to manoeuvre and with the saving of time as the prime essential she is unsatisfactory owing to her single screw.

(Sd.) G. F. HOLE,
Harbour Master.

The "North China Daily Mail" states that the Russian population of Tientsin has been considerably increased of late by the influx of refugees from Harbin and other points in north Manchuria. In spite of the war scare having apparently blown over many of the recently arrived refugees are of the opinion that it will be a long time before trade conditions revive in Harbin. There are very few Russians living in Harbin now who have registered as Soviet citizens and have papers to that effect. While the registered and recognized Soviet citizen is a *persona non grata* in Harbin at present, the White Russian is not in any way interfered with by the Chinese Authorities.

Messrs. Pan Hsueh-yu, Li Pan-shou, Wang Han-ming and Kiang Shing-shan, the four successful candidates in the recent examination of the Customs, will soon sail for abroad to study the system of customs administration in other countries. It is learned that Mr. Pan and Mr. Li will leave for the U.S.A., and Mr. Wang and Mr. Kiang for England.

SHOPPERS' CARS

LEFT UNATTENDED IN BUSY STREETS

TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTED

Mrs. H. Young, of No. 10, Fung Fai Terrace, was this morning summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, for leaving her motor car unattended at the junction of Gilman-street and Des Voeux-road Central, on August 17.

The Police said that the car was causing an obstruction for fully 20 minutes.

Mrs. Young, in admitting the charge, said that she had left the car to do a little shopping, intending to be away for only a short while. Unfortunately, she was detained.

Mr. Hamilton told her that she could stop her car at non-parking places only long enough to get down or pick up a person. It could not be left unattended for any length of time.

Fined \$5.

"Did Not Know"
Mrs. E. Rogers, of No. 531, The Peak, answered a summons for a similar offence on August 16.

She said that she left her car outside Wing On's whilst she went inside to make a purchase.

Mr. Hamilton: You cannot do that. It is not a parking place.

Mrs. Rogers: I did not know that.

Magistrate: I am afraid you must find out these things for yourself. Five dollars.

Forget to Attend!

Miss Pearl Woo of No. 22, Graham-street, who had twice failed to attend Court on a summons charging her with failing to have full control of her car in Des Voeux-road Central, at 2 p.m., on August 8, was present when the case was called this morning.

She pleaded "guilty" after the charge had been explained to her in Chinese by the Court interpreter.

The Magistrate asked what constituted the offence in this case, and Traffic Sergeant George said that defendant had two other persons sitting beside her in the driver's seat.

Addressing Miss Woo, Mr. Hamilton said: "Now, will you be good enough to explain why you did not come up the first time?"

Miss Woo: I forgot.

Mr. Hamilton: Oh, well, if you think that you can come up when it suits your convenience, I must assure you that you can not. You are fined \$25.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

UNFORTUNATE FATE OF A BOAT WOMAN

At about 6.30 last evening a cargo boat was alongside the seawall opposite the Kwong Sang Hong factory, unloading cargo, when the steam launch "Lau Fong," owned by Messrs. Kwong Sang Hong, collided with another junk which was on the outside of the unfortunate woman's vessel.

The two junks bumped and the woman, Wong Luk (25), who was holding a fender between the junks, overbalanced and fell between them, being crushed to death.

JAPAN'S AIMS

NO LONGER FEARED IN PHILIPPINES

Yokohama, Aug. 23. Senator Sergio Osmena, Mrs. Osmena and the senator's mother-in-law arrived here to-day on the "President Jackson" on their way to the Philippines. In an interview for Japanese papers, the senator stated that President Hoover is following the policies of President Coolidge with regard to the Philippines.

Sensor Osmena declared that it is not true that the Filipinos have abandoned their hopes for independence. He said that America is no longer afraid that Japan will annex the Philippines in case of independence, and that this new confidence in the sun's empire may hasten the day of Philippine emancipation.—United Press.

Aged Poor May Draw Pensions

An entire State is included in the private pension fund of Alfred I. Du Pont, the Wilmington millionaire. All of the aged, deserving poor in Delaware are eligible for consideration. How large the list may grow is not known, but a survey is now being made by an agent for Mr. Du Pont.

At the last Legislature a bill was presented known as the Old Age Pension Bill, providing for a pension for worthy residents of the State who were more than sixty-five and without family or friends to care for them.

Mr. Du Pont was greatly interested in the measure, as was Mrs. Laura C. Walls of Sussex County, a school teacher. Mrs. Walls urged members of the Legislature to vote for the bill, but it was defeated in the Senate by two votes. The principal objection was the provision for a high salaried board of pensions.

Mrs. Walls then proceeded to evolve a plan whereby such a pension could be paid with a minimum of administrative expense and interest to the explosives king in her idea. The plans seemed to be practicable; he agreed to pay all administrative expenses and all pensions as well until the Legislature could decide whether to take up the burden.

The general idea of her programme, now being organized, is to work through the various religious organizations and churches of Delaware. The heads of the different

"RED THURSDAY"

DISTRIBUTION OF SEDITIOUS LITERATURE

SENTENCES ON CHINESE

The case against the two Chinese arrested in connection with the distribution of seditious literature on "Red Thursday" (August 1), was concluded before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday.

The charges against the accused were of distributing the leaflets without a permit from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and distributing them with a view to creating a breach of the peace and interfering with the maintenance of law and order in Hong Kong and in China.

From Police evidence, first accused was seen throwing the pamphlets near No. 164, Des Voeux-road Central, from which house he had emerged. Second accused was observed throwing a handful of the leaflets from the second class compartment of a tramcar in which he was riding.

First accused claimed that he had arrived from Kwong-chau-wan and was going to Siam. He was wrongfully arrested. No. 2 claimed that he was employed by the local waterworks and was returning home to Pokfulam when he, too, was wrongfully arrested.

His Worship convicted, and in passing sentence of 18 months' hard labour each, said: "With regard to the last charge, if you fell into the hands of the Canton authorities there is no doubt in my mind that they would put you against the wall and shoot you."

SOMEBODY'S RANGLE

CHINESE ROGUE FOUND IN POSSESSION

"PICKED IT UP"

Police Sergt. Kellett prosecuted at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith in a case in which a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of a gold-mounted bangle, which was found on him when he was searched by a P.C. yesterday while descending the gangway of the Indo-China Steam Navigation's s.s. "Kumsang" berthed at the No. 3 wharf, Kowloon Godowns.

Accused stated that he had picked it up.

The Magistrate made it clear to him that had he been seen snatching the gold bangle from the wrist of a child, which was the suspicion, he would have got six months' jail as well as flogging with the birch.

The value of the bangle was about \$5.

Sergt. Kellett told the Magistrate that the owner of the bangle had not been traced although every attempt was made to do so.

Accused was fined \$5 or seven days' hard labour, and the bangle was ordered to be confiscated.

THEFT IN STEAMER

BAR KEEPER LOSES A METAL WATCH

A Chinese appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith on a charge of stealing a metal watch from Mr. Ullbright, the bar keeper on board the N.D.L. s.s. "Coblenz" while berthed at the No. 2 wharf, Kowloon Godowns.

Police Sergeant P. Kellett stated that the complainant had gone with the vessel which sailed this morning to Dalny and other ports in the North and would not be back till September 21. He asked for a week's remand and to keep the accused in custody till the ship returned. His Worship agreed.



Alfred I. Du Pont

organizations, such as District Superintendents and Bishops, have been appointed chairmen. They in turn appoint clergymen as sub-chairmen and these appoint committees in their churches. Any person in the State of Delaware desiring a pension is at liberty to appeal to any church and the clergyman at the head of the church takes up the case with his committee.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"DREAM OF LOVE" COMING TO THE QUEEN'S

ADAPTED FROM FRENCH PLAY

Modernising an old French play was the task that faced Dorothy Farnum when she adapted "Adrienne Lecouvreur" for the films under the title, "Dream of Love," "Adrienne Lecouvreur," one of the most famous plays in the history of the stage, was used for many seasons as a starring vehicle for the famous artiste, Sarah Bernhardt.

In bringing the colourful drama up the present day, the noted scenarist laid the plot in a Balkan State and provided a new background for the gripping narrative penned by Scibe and Legouve many years ago.

Military Scenes

The new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, in which Joan Crawford and Nils Asther are featured, opens on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre, and brings to the screen a brilliant array of military scenes and vivid pictorialisations of intrigue in a royal court. Court balls, carnivals, back-stage of a royal opera house, coronation ceremonies, a revolution, and the nomadic life of a wandering gypsy tribe are some of the many picturesque and colourful scenes which form an excellent background to the fascinating plot. Aileen Pringle returns to a regal role, that of a haughty and designing Duchess, and Warner Oland again is seen as an imposing ruler. Carmel Myers and many others of note are included in the elaborate supporting cast.

Threat To Throne
The plot is initiated by the romantic gypsy dancing girl and the Crown Prince of the little kingdom. Revolutions and daring flirtations provide complications that threaten the security of the throne and place many obstacles in the path of the lovers.

Although the two love each other they cannot wed. When an internal revolution in the little kingdom has swept away royalty and all traditions that hamper it, the course of their love gives promise of running smoothly. Then comes the unexpected and surprising climax.

"Dream of Love" was directed by Fred Niblo, who also directed "Ben Hur."

200 KILLED

RUSSIANS INFLECT TOLL ON CHINESE

"BIG SCALE" FIGHTING

Shanghai, Aug. 20. A Mukden dispatch to the Chinese Kuomin News Agency here to-night stated that "one squadron of aeroplanes and several armoured trains departed northward for patrol duties on the borders."

Peking dispatches stated that reliable reports from Harbin said, "the situation along the Sino-Russian frontiers is grave."

Small Russian raiding parties clashed with the Chinese near Manchuli, Sulfenho and Lahassu, the Chinese casualties numbering 200 killed and wounded.

Minor cases of sabotage continue along the railway.

In spite of the fact that no formal declaration of war between Russia and China has been announced, cable reports on the situation received yesterday afternoon from special correspondents in China by the "Fooden Times" state that the Sino-Russian boundary is to-day the scene of actual big-scale fighting, and that heavy artillery is in play along the boundary.

Through a series of well concentrated surprise attacks, 10,000 Soviet soldiers, reinforced by artillery, have intruded themselves several miles into Chinese territory, while Soviet long range artillery is bringing disaster to many Chinese border towns. Official reports from Harbin confirm the fact that Soviets attacked and took the city of Tung Ling on August 18, after the city had been under heavy fire for a whole day. Chinese troops under General Chow were dislodged from the city, after considerable number of them had been moved down by superior Soviet field artillery.

Looting Starts

The triumphant Soviet armies entered the city at 2.30 a.m., August 18, and immediately looting began. The Chinese troops outside the city, reinforced by special detachments and by artillery, retook the city at 6 a.m., on August 19. Approximately 1,000 Chinese and Russians have fallen in the attack on Tung Ling.—Associated Press.

Two Goldsmith price records were set up at Sotheby's—a letter of 1773 of the "Author, brought £1,300, and a copy of "The Vicar of Wakefield" realised £1,470.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 2nd September, 1929, at 10 a.m.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Aug. 29—At European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, Flannel Dance, 9 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "None But The Brave."

To-day — World Theatre; "Cardboard Lover."

To-day — Star Theatre; "Fazil."

To-day — Majestic Theatre; "The Isle of Dreams."

Lammert's Auctions
Aug. 30—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Sept. 2—At 196, The Peak, Flat 1 (Mount Kellet) household furniture, 11 a.m.

Sports
Sept. 7 — H.K.V.D.C. annual aquatic sports meeting at V.R.C. 9 p.m.

A policeman of Akashi Station, Japan, while strolling on the beach near the shrine at Tarumi sighted a Kirin cider bottle adrift. As the brand was quite new in the Kwan-sai district he picked the bottle up and was surprised to find that it contained a note in a woman's handwriting written on the wrapper paper of Golden Bat cigarettes. It read: "Rescue me Oki Sakiko, 150 miles off Akashi." The police man at once reported the find to his chief and the prefectural headquarters, which immediately telegraphed the police stations at the different ports asking for co-operation. There is some suspicion that the note may be the work of a practical joker.

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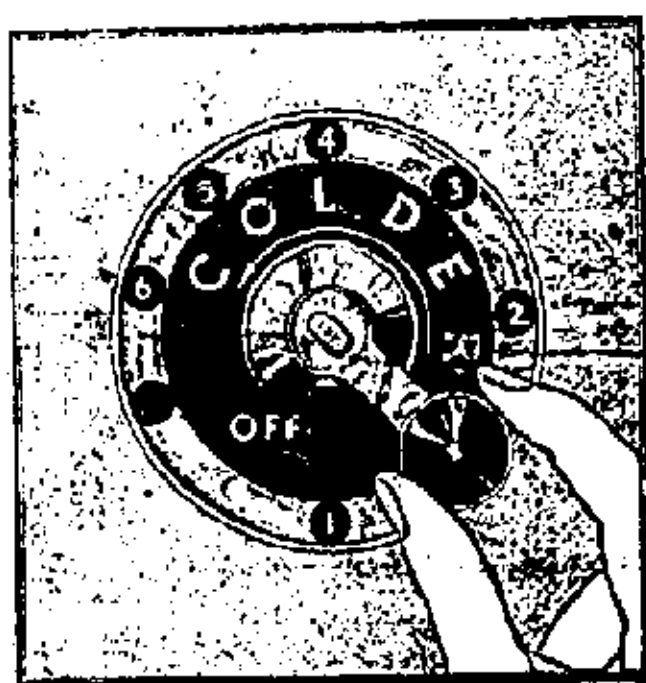
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MR. JUSTICE DEANE

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FAREWELL TRIBUTES

An interesting event in the annals of the law in Malaya took place in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir William Morrison), yesterday morning, says the "Singapore Free Press". On August 20, when the entire Bar officially bade farewell to Mr. Justice G. C. Deane, Puisne Judge of the Straits Settlements and Judicial Commissioner of the F.M.S. since 1924, who has been promoted to the position of Chief Justice of the Gold Coast.

As was recalled by Mr. V. D. Knowles, it was the time within living memory that a judge of the Colony while actually so acting had been promoted to the Chief Justiceship of another important Colony and it was in recognition of this, and their regard for Mr. Deane as a colleague in their profession, that the solicitors' benches were full with counsel. At their head were the Attorney-General (Mr. W. C. Huggard K.C.), the Solicitor-General (Mr. J. V. G. Mills), the Official Assignee (Mr. E. E. Colman), and Messrs. V. D. Knowles and R. Page. The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Deane were in full robes.

On behalf of the Bar, Mr. W. C. Huggard, K.C., who was associated with His Lordship in Trinidad, was the first to bid Mr. Deane farewell. Having only been in the Colony a few weeks, Mr. Huggard said he felt rather diffident in venturing to speak on behalf of the members of the profession here, but on this particular occasion he had an advantage over the majority of those present in that he had known Mr. Justice Deane for a longer period than they. For some years they were associated in another part of the Empire and he had always looked back with pleasure on that association.

Promotion Well Deserved

When, a few years ago, Mr. Justice Deane was promoted and was about to leave the Colony it was his privilege to extend to him felicitations and to bid him "God speed." And now, once more, well deserved promotion had come to His Lordship and he was sure the feelings of the members of the Bar in the Colony were the same as those in that other Colony six years ago—feelings of sincere regret at the loss of a distinguished judge, one who never forgot that he had been a member of the Bar himself, and before whom it was always a privilege and a pleasure to appear.

While they regretted his departure they realised that in the case of Mr. Deane, promotion was inevitable and they congratulated him on his appointment to one of the most important Chief Justiceships in the Colonial service. He felt sure he was carrying out the wishes of every member there, and indeed throughout Malaya, when he offered to His Lordship and to Mrs. Deane every wish for their happiness and prosperity in the Gold Coast Colony.

The Bar's Tribute

"First, we wish to express our appreciation of the unfailing kindness, courtesy and patience you have always shown to the members of the Bar who have had the privilege of practising before you and secondly, we wish to express our regret that you are so soon leaving this Bench," began Mr. V. D. Knowles, addressing His Lordship on behalf of his brother members of the Bar. His Lordship might, he felt sure, rest assured of the friendship of every one of them there and they congratulated him on his appointment in another colony of the Empire, although they felt it would be a loss to the Straits Settlements and to them all personally.

During the time that His Lordship had presided over his Court he had filled his office as a temperate, just and patient judge, and had maintained in every way the highest traditions of the judicial office. He echoed the sentiments of all members of the Bar when he said that the relations between His Lordship and themselves had been such that they felt that they were not only losing a wise and efficient judge, but also a personal friend. It was sometimes the case that the Bench, under stress of their own trying duties as judges, did not always appreciate the difficulties of an advocate's duties. If he might strike a personal note he would like to say how often it had been his experience that His Lordship fully appreciated and made every allowance for the difficulties of an advocate.

"Where the court is presided over by a judge with the experience and the judicial patience that Your Lordship has always shown," continued Mr. Knowles, "not only is the work of the advocate lightened, but also the ends of justice are better served, and the prestige of British Courts upheld."

The Joys of Legal Victory

Mr. Justice Deane in reply (during which the gathering stood)

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Bank, 30 days' sight	—
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On demand	1197 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1272 1/2
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On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	46%
Credits, 60 days' sight	48 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	129 3/4
On demand	129 3/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	129 3/4
On demand	129 3/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	83 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	94
On Shanghai—	
On demand	82 1/4
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	99 1/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	10.00
Silver (per oz.)	24 5/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	3% dis.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	25% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.865
New York	4.84 25/32
Brussels	34.865
Geneva	25.185
Amsterdam	12.095
Milan	92.96
Berlin	20.36
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.215
Oslo	18.205
Vienna	34.42
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/4
Madrid	32.96
Lisbon	108.20
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	8 1/4
Buenos Aires	47 1/4
Bombay	1/5 27/32
Shanghai	2/4 1/4
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/11 3/32
Silver Spot	24 5/16
Silver Forward	24 7/16
—British Wireless Service.	—

recalled that it was nearly twenty years since he left the Bar to come to the more severe position of an administrator on the Bench. He was not likely to forget those days or the feelings of joy one experienced when one succeeded in winning a hard fought victory against some doughty opponent.

This ceremony gave him great pleasure because it was an expression of opinion from those best qualified to judge one's tasks and the way one had done one's duty.

His Lordship said they were all administrators of justice and so long as they kept that ideal before them not much would go wrong with their profession. As far as he could judge that ideal obtained here to a very high degree and all the members of the Bar were really endued with it.

Concluding, Mr. Justice Deane referred to the good feeling which had always existed between the members of the Bar and himself. "They have been as good as they could to me," he added, while he had received, he said, nothing but kindness from his fellow judges. He had been singularly happy in association with his colleagues, the Chief Justice, whom he had found "would never let you down."

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Chartered Bank	\$19 1/2 b
Mercantile A. & B.	\$32 1/4 n
Mercantile C.	\$15 1/4 n
P. & O. Bank	—
Bank of East Asia	\$90 1/2 n
Insurances	
Canton Insurance	\$630 n
Union Insurance	\$329 b 32 1/2 sa
North China Insurance	\$160 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$150 n
China Underwriters	\$2 n
China Fire Insurance	\$310 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$700 s
Shipping	
Douglases	\$27 1/2 n
H.K. Steamboats	\$25 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	—
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$47 1/2 s
Indo-China (Def.)	\$70 s
Shell Transports (old)	\$92 1/2 n
Shell Transports (new)	—
Union Waterboats	\$22 s
Mining	
Benguets	\$3.10 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$62 1/2 n
Langkats (comb.)	\$16 n
Langkats (single)	\$19 1/2 n
Shanghai Explorations	\$2 s
Shanghai Loans	\$4 1/4 n
Raubas	\$8 b
Tronoh Mines	\$21/- b
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves	\$128 1/2 b
H.K. & W. Docks	\$32 1/2 b
China Providents	\$4 1/4 b 4 1/4 s
Hongkows	\$178 n
New Engineerings	\$7 1/4 s
Shanghai Docks	\$140 b
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons	\$17.35 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$1.92 n
Shanghai Cottons (new)	\$1.48 n
Loong Sings	\$10.40 n
Lands, Hotels & Buildings	
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$3.30 b 8.40 s
H.K. Lands	\$60 1/4 b
Shanghai Lands	\$150 b
Humphreys' Estates	\$13.90 b
H.K. Realities	\$8 b
H.K. Territorials	—
Prince's Buildings	—
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways	\$18 b x Div.
Peak Trams (old)	\$11.80 s
Peak Trams (new)	\$6.05 n
Star Ferries	\$65 1/2 b
China Lights (comb.)	—
China Lights (old)	\$12.80 s
China Lights (new)	\$12.60 s
China Lights 1928 issue	—
H.K. Electric (old)	\$58 1/2 b
H.K. Electric (new)	—
Macao Electric	\$26 1/2 n
H.K. Telephones	\$6.70 n
China Buses	\$14 1/4 b
Singapore Tractions	\$11/- s
Singapore Pref.	\$20/- b
Sandakan Ltd.	\$2 1/2 s
Industrials	
China Sugars	.95 cts. s
Malabon Sugars	\$27 n
Canton Ice	\$2 b
Cements (comb.)	\$8.90 s
Cements (old)	\$7.70 b
Cements (new)	\$1.40 n
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$6 1/2 s
H.K. Ropes (new)	—
United Asbestos	\$5 b
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms	\$19.90 n
Watsons	\$11.90 b
Der A. Wings	.80 cts. n
Lan. Crawfords	\$1 1/4 n
Macintoshes	\$18 b
Sinceres	\$12 b
Wm. Powells	\$2 1/4 s
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Amusements	\$26 n
H.K. Constructions	\$1.55 n
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	64 1/2 n
H.K. Govt. Loans	8% a prem.
Chinese Estates	\$99 s

SILK INDUSTRY

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CAUSE OF THE DECLINE

Canton, Yesterday.

In accordance with the programme arranged for his inspection of Shun-tak silk district, Chairman General Chan Ming-shu left on a gunboat on the evening of August 24. He was accompanied by Mr. Fan Ki-mo, the commissioner of Finance, General Tang Yin-wa, the Commissioner of Public Reconstruction, Mr. Shum Kwok-wa, representative of the silk merchants, and Mr. Fu Po-kwong, the chief of the Sericulture Bureau and also other officials. After visiting the silk industries and farms in Shun-tak, the party returned to the city last evening.

General Tang, taking advantage of the inspection, distributed handbills and pamphlets in which he explained the reason of their visit, the keen interest of the Chairman in the silk industry, and the cause for the decline of the silk trade, which he attributed to the out-of-date methods in the rearing of the silk worms and the care of the cocoons.

He reminded the people that formerly the silk export trade amounted to \$1,000,000,000 annually, and that in order to recover the previous prosperity in the silk industry they must adopt new methods in their treatment of silk worms and cocoons—they must bear in mind that the responsibility to attain this goal would be entirely upon their shoulders.—Canton News Agency.

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Sport Columns

BASEBALL

THE PLAYERS, THE CROWD AND THE DIAMOND

FIRST GAMES REVIEWED

[By "Bingle"]

Four teams have been in action since the League opened, and enough has been seen of the players to form an opinion. It now remains for the Kloras to make their debut. I also appear that the inevitable army of rope liners—except there isn't a rope—will do much to sway the fate of some of the teams one way or the other, as they did in former years.

Now for the players. A local scribble whose idea of baseball, and particularly of the art of pitching, is like a blind man's idea of water-colour, has been blowing the trumpet loud and clear for Koga, the pitching ace of the Japanese pack. Well, all I can say is that Koga did not show up to the large head-lines which the same scribe had lavished upon him.

In my opinion I think Tsukaguchi, the southpaw, can't throw a better game. It is a problem, though, whether he can last the seven innings. I doubt it, from the exhibition he gave on Saturday last. But he certainly has a better speed and is able to put across some good curves and drops. He also sells some snaky ones, too.

The entire Japanese outfit needs tightening up in the field. They contributed a flock of errors, and that won't do if they wish to come out top-dog. Hachiuma should get behind the batter, and Kusano take up his job in centre field. The whole gang of them need a lot of practice in the great art of sagging the pill. They have no wall-papers that is worthy of the name.

There is certainly not much flaw to pick with the Chinese team, and I think—if other teams do not pull up their socks and settle down to business—they will wrest the shield back from the Filipinos. They are certainly a bunch of hard-working ball players. There is no grand-stand stuff with them. Play the old game to a man seems to be their motto, and that sure is the grand stuff to hand out.

This gang have so far showed the best fielding side, and even at bat they aren't so far behind. Ed. Chang is all right as a pitcher and I think he will improve with more practice. The great thing is that he and Matty Chang understand each other, and what they do not know about telegraphy is not worth mentioning. Shim is not yet too old to continue the good old game, and the fact that a man is a "papa" cuts no ice where a ball game is concerned.

The Filipino crew have certainly made a good start, but it is problematic whether the good work can be kept up. Alvarez, as a pitcher, is good for the first four innings, and I doubt if he can keep on any longer. Zafra as a sub is also unreliable, and all the other side have got to do is to hand out a little raspberry, and he will be more rattled than a rattle-snake.

In fielding, this crew can rely only on about four men. The others are not permanently safe, although they show a flash of brilliance at times. They can also boast of a couple of batters, and they are Zafra and Terry Leonard. Even they, when confronted with a pitcher of Ruffin calibre, will not shine in the way they did when eating out of Russakoff on Sunday. I do not think they can keep the shield.

The Yankees can trout out the best bats, and if they can only draw a tight cord around the diamond, and the players know where to peg, they will prove to be a strong combination to the other teams. They sure have to get busy with their pitcher. If "Rosie" is to take the mound every time, then he should double hustle and get himself in trim. It won't do for them to knock him all over the field.

Burrell is certainly the guy to put pep into his men, and it is great to see how he is making two staunch cricketers like Owen-Hughes and Bowker into a ball player of note. These two sluggers will have to be watched, for if they connect one, it means nothing less than a two-bagger if not the home circuit. Owen-Hughes is so accustomed to playing cricket that whenever he

TENNIS

RESULTS IN THE AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

FIRST ROUND OF DOUBLES

Brooklines (Mass.), Yesterday. In the first round of the doubles the results to-day were:—
Van Ryn and Allison beat E. W. Feibleman and Brooks Penno, 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
Gregory Mangin and Norman Farquharson beat H. H. Culley and G. H. Perkins, 6-1, 6-1, 8-10, 6-3.
Austin and Oliff had a walk over from Lott and John Doug.
Bruce and Barnes beat Philip and Neer, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.—Reuter's American Service.

WATER POLO

TWO MORE GAMES PLAYED AT V.R.C.

TEAMS' LATEST POSITIONS

Two more League games were played yesterday evening at the V.R.C. and resulted in a win for the King's Own Scottish Borderers and for Kowloon "A".

The first game was between Kowloon "A" and the Royal Navy; both teams lining up as follows:

Kowloon "A": Headly, Franks, Rodgers, Logan, Kerr, Simpson, and Railton.
Royal Navy: Hampton, Bashford, Beer, Newbury, Sullivan, Smith, and Parker.

The Peninsula team was pressing from the start and did most of the attacking. Simpson was the outstanding player and on several occasions threatened the Navy's goal. It was only through the able defence put up by the backs that he was prevented from scoring. The first half saw no blood drawn.

In the second half, Simpson was not to be denied. He opened the score from a corner pass and before the final whistle was blown, he added another point. The Kowloon team won by two goals to nil.

The next match was between the Chinese "A" team and the K.O.S.B. The teams lined up were as follows:
Chinese "A": Chi Shi-chok, Ng Kam-chuen, Lee Yee-long, Wong Ching, Chao Chak-lau, Chau Chi-ching, and Tan Chi.
K.O.S.B. "A": Bowder, Wilson, Macintosh, Faulkner, Westland, Finlayson and Ferguson.

The Borderers predominated the play from the start and the Chinese territory was invaded on several occasions; Faulkner eventually netted for the soldiers. The Chinese, after some hard play, brought the score level, and before the game ended, the soldiers added another goal, and thus won by the odd goal in three.

League Table
The latest positions of the teams are as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.		
					F.	A.	Pts.
V.R.C. "A"	4	4	0	0	14	1	8
Chinese "B"	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
Kowloon "A"	5	4	0	1	13	3	8
V.R.C. "B"	4	2	0	2	17	9	4
K.O.S.B. "A"	5	2	0	3	6	10	4
Navy	5	2	0	2	6	17	4
Kowloon "B"	4	1	1	2	5	15	3
Somersets	4	1	0	3	8	15	2
Chinese "A"	5	1	0	4	6	3	2
K.O.S.B. "B"	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

holds a ball, he invariably draws a bee line to the pitcher—the bowler to him, of course—instead of pegging it away to the place where it was most needed.

Now the crowd. Can't something be done with a baseball bat to keep this bunch of "free spectators" back? Players, I am sure, find them a bunch of nuisance. Many a free run had been given away, owing to these saps not being able to scatter when a fielder is after the pill. They must block, and the only remedy is to park them up the hill if they want a free show.

Then the diamond is another thing that's worrying the players. The stand—the way it is erected—puts the players in a position facing the sun, and many a good fly had been muffed on account of that. I don't suppose the Association can do better than they have done, and whether players like it or not, they will have to put up with it.

BOXING

PHIL SCOTT'S FIRST MATCH IN AMERICA

TO MEET CAMPOLO

New York, Yesterday. Phil Scott's first match in his second American tour will be against the giant of Argentine, Victorio Campolo, who knocked out Tom Heeney on August 15. The bout has been fixed for September 11 in Brooklyn, each taking 25 per cent of the takings.—Reuter's American Service.

CRICKET

GLOUCESTER BEAT WARWICKSHIRE EASILY

MAYER'S FINE BOWLING

London, Yesterday. In the county cricket championship Gloucestershire defeated Warwickshire by 106 runs. Gloucester batted first and scored 173 (Mayer taking five wickets for 66 runs) and 240 runs in their second innings. Warwickshire scored 102 in their first and 165 runs in their second innings.—Reuter.



It's hard to say just what Light Heavyweight Champion Tommy Loughran is thinking as he scrutinizes the boxing glove that landed round about at the Yankee Stadium, New York, recently. Of course Tommy won the decision and retained his title, but Tommy wasn't the only one who did the punching, for Mr. Braddock managed to squeeze in a few nice socks, as Tommy's honest face shows.

ATHLETIC MEETING

300 SPORTSMEN FROM ALL OVER CHINA

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The Athletic Meeting organised by the Chinese Athletic Association, at North Point, on September 6, 7 and 8 will be contested for by about 300 athletes from different parts of China. Singapore is sending its best Chinese tennis players and swimmers, and it is expected that some fine sport will be witnessed. Starts having an accommodation of 15,000 persons are at present being erected on the ground and seats can now be booked at the Chinese Athletic Association at \$5.00 for Special Reserved Seats for three days and \$1.00 per day for ordinary seats. Tickets of admission at 10 cents, 30 cents, and 50 cents can be obtained at the entrance on the day of sport.

The Open Events

The few open events are as follows:—
Track and Field: 1,600 Meter Relay; 800 Meter Relay.
Swimming: 100 Metre Free Style; 200 Metre Relay.
Entries will be charged at 20 cents for each event and \$1 for each relay.
Entry Forms can be obtained by applying to the Secretary of the Chinese Athletic Association from to-day and all entries must be sent in to the Chinese Athletic Association before September 1.

RACING

BIG COURSE TO BE MADE IN CANTON

Canton, Yesterday.

The Provincial Government has sanctioned the petition of the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Lam Man-ko, for the laying out of a racecourse and athletic ground for the amusement and recreation of the general public.

The Provincial Government and the Municipality will jointly pay the cost, which is estimated at \$500,000.

The race course will be at Shek Pai, about five miles from the city in the direction of Tung Shan. A road for motor-cars goes from Tung Shan to Whampoa district, passing Shek Pai on the way. The road is a mud road and not wide enough for two cars to pass with comfort, so the Municipality will widen this road when the race course project is put into execution.—Canton News Agency.

ARMS AGAIN

ROBBERS WITH REVOLVER AND DAGGERS

COUP SUCCESSFUL

Yesterday afternoon armed robbers raided the premises of the Shun Shing Transportation Co., No. 18, Eastern-street.

Three men were concerned in the coup, and according to the victims, they all spoke the Pundi dialect. They visited the place on the pretext of discussing business. Suddenly a revolver and two daggers were produced, and the manager, his wife, son and two assistants were herded in a cubicle where they were bound and gagged. Then two other robbers entered and fastened the door behind them.

A systematic search of the place was carried out. From the safe, which was forced open, they took \$500 in Hong Kong notes, and \$806 in Chinese 20-cent pieces. Other things stolen included jewellery worth \$414.

The robbers all made good their escape.

WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on August 1, 1929:

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928	1929
Tytam	25' 7" B	L
Tytam Byewash	19' 9" B	L
Tytam Intermediate	L	7' 10" B
Tytam Tuk	1' 0" B	5' 7" B
Wong Nei Chung	26' 9" B	0' 5" B
Fokfulum	27' 9" B	L

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"]

Storage in million and decimals of gallons

	1928	1929
Tytam	202.95	384.80
Tytam Byewash	2.83	22.37
Tytam Intermediate	195.30	154.42
Tytam Tuk	1,393.00	383.00
Wong Nei Chung	5.72	29.81
Fokfulum	11.06	66.00

Total 1,811.46 1,040.40

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July.

	1928	1929
Consumption	317.06	124.19
Estimated population	428,960	494,280

Consumption per head per day 24.1 9.2

* Includes 2.73 M.G. from Taihook, 13.23 M.G. from Kowloon, 7.42 M.G. from Tsun Wan and 10.09 M.G. from steamers, etc.

Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during July, 1928, from 1st to 11th Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Eastern Street only from 12th to 14th and Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Garden Road from 15th to 31st July.

Supply by Street Fountains only during the whole month. On 1st July the hours of supply were 5-8 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. (Peak District 4 hours daily). From 2nd-22nd inclusive the hours of supply were 6-8 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. (Peak District 3 hours daily). From 23rd-31st inclusive the hours of supply in the City and Hill Level Districts were 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Tank Supplies were suspended on 30th July.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	2' 10" B	0' 11" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 2" B	20' 5" B
Reception Reservoir	4' 2" B	L

Storage in million and decimals of gallons

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	323.56	342.97
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	115.42	46.55
Reception Reservoir	22.57	33.15

Total 461.55 422.67

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of July.

	1928	1929
Consumption	117.97	93.29
Estimated population	166,120	171,150

Consumption per head per day 22.6 17.5

* Does not include water sent to Hong Kong but includes 0.49 M.G. from Tsun Wan.

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World News In Pictures

Pan-Pacific Association Entertains Congressman Dyer



Congressman L. C. Dyer of Missouri, "Father of the China Trade Act," was the guest of honour at a tiffin party given at the Astor House by the Pan-Pacific Association. Mr. S. N. Zau, of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour, presided and introduced the speaker to a distinguished assembly of guests and members.—(Ah Fong).

Fate Ends Polish Flight



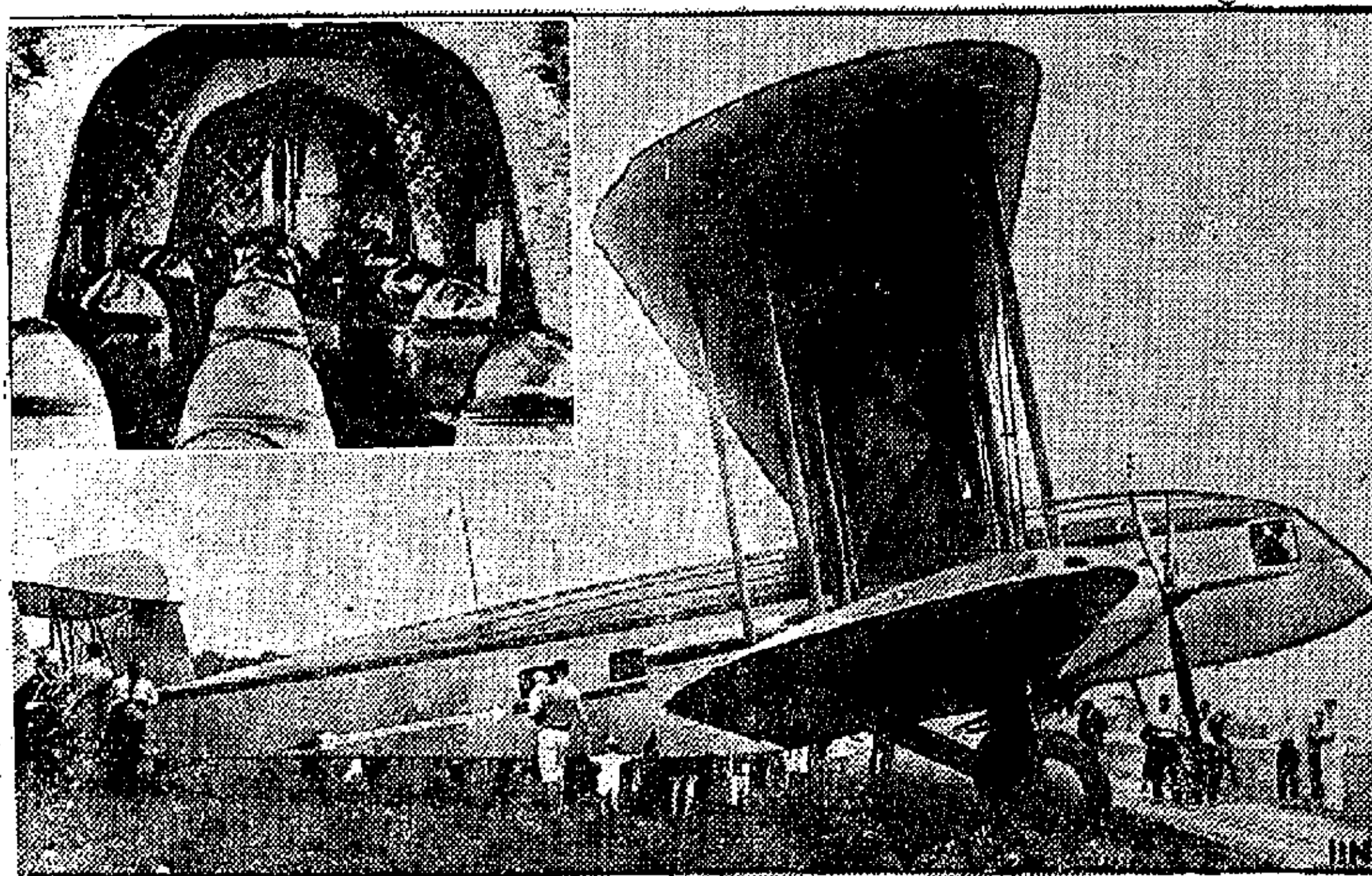
A tragic end greeted the Polish flyers, Majors Leon Idzikowski, left, and Casimir Kubala, right, in their attempted flight to New York from Paris. They tried to land their plane, "Marshal Pilsudski," on the island of Graciosa, Azores, but the plane crashed on the rocky shores. Idzikowski died at the controls and his companion, who jumped or fell from the plane, escaped with serious injuries. Winds of near hurricane force were responsible for the failure of the flight.

Round-Trip of United States



Capt. Eddie Nelson, left, and Capt. Roy W. Ammel, veteran Chicago pilots, plan the route for their proposed round trip, non-stop flight from Chicago to the West coast, thence to the East coast and back to Chicago, a total distance of approximately 7,000 miles. They expect to re-fuel in the air, and to make the trip in something like 60 hours.

Twin-Motored Craft



Here is a ground view of the huge 18-passenger Condor biplane of the trans-Continental Air Transport Co., equipped with sleeping compartments for 18 passengers. Inset shows an interior view of the daytime seats which may be turned into sleeping berths. The ship has already taken test flights.

Naval Reservists Cruise



One hundred New York Naval Reservists, a group of which are shown on the gangplank of destroyer No. 234, bag and baggage, sail from New York for two weeks of active sea training. More than 9,000 reservists throughout the country will take similar cruises, the course of training to include division manoeuvres, gunnery exercises and ship routine. Below, Lt. L. H. Rabbage is giving last minute orders to a happy group, who are taking as their mascot "Pal," being held by Sailor H. G. Conroy, right.

Roseveare-Lynch Wedding Reception



On left.—Following the wedding at Community Church, Shanghai, of Miss Burita Azil Lynch and Mr. R. G. Roseveare, their many friends attended the reception held in their honour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Popple at No. 195, Rue Duplex. In the centre with the bride and groom is Miss Elizabeth McNutt, bridesmaid. Dr. W. Gardiner served as best man and Mr. E. Borrian as usher.—(Ah Fong).

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OPERA HOUSE

THE PASSING OF COVENT
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POSSIBILITIES OF SITE

Covent Garden Opera House is to go. The present leases of the Opera House, which have been held since 1899, expire in February, 1933 and, unless the proposals for the extension of the market are changed, the Opera House will be pulled down in little more than two years' time.

So we break with a long tradition and perhaps begin another, writes an architectural correspondent in a Home paper, and so we reach a point in our cultural history where we must properly decide what opera means to us.

It would be idle to repeat that in every large capital of Europe there is an important opera house occupying a position of civic grandeur, but in London, the largest city in the world, there is none, for the English are different from other nations and opera has grown but tardily on this soil. But it has grown. During the long two hundred years' history of the Covent Garden opera—from 1732 to the present day—the opera has been continuous except for the short breaks during the rebuilding of the theatre; and, with this, there has been an increasing popular demand. One house has succeeded another upon the same historic site, and this, the third one, designed by Barry and opened in 1858, has carried on and amplified the tradition.

This house, with its vertical tiers of little boxes, was built for the opera-going public of seventy years ago. Since then the world has changed, and, largely through the agencies of general education, and now through the good work of broadcasting, the movement of public interest, although slow, has grown and extended itself to every walk of life.

What is the Demand?

The demand has grown and grown, but there has been nothing to satisfy it. The prices of seats have been prohibitive for the great mass of people, and even for those who were able to spend the money seats have been unobtainable. Night after night the house has been packed and hundreds still wait patiently to get in. Season after season every seat has been sold, yet each project is said to have been unprofitable. Is there no solution to this question of opera in our own country?

Supposing that there were sufficient support for the view that the liberal performance of opera was as essential in civilising the community as State-aided schools, churches, and art galleries—and it is difficult to see why it should not be so—then the State would make some grant and opera could go forward with greater courage. Then, and not till then, comes the question of a great opera house and an appropriate site for it. There must be some point at which, if one makes the audience big enough, the performance will pay. We have never reached that point. We have turned away good money at the doors.

Our difficulty is to gauge the size of our potential opera audience in London; for we have no proper means of judging it. Where it is well known that a theatre cannot hold many people, many people will not go near it, although they would like to get into it. Sir Thomas Beecham's League of Opera has over 40,000 subscribers. This is a useful guide, but 40,000 does not represent one-quarter of the people who would gladly go to opera if

the seats were plentiful and less expensive.

Auditorium for 5,000. We may assume, therefore, that in a new opera house the auditorium should be larger—as large as it is possible to make it acoustically. An auditorium of 5,000 people—not a very large one nowadays—stands a better chance of paying for a performance than one of 2,000. This would mean a change in our attitude towards opera and our time-honoured ideas of designing pretty opera houses.

Boxes should be reduced to a minimum, and instead we should have great sloping tiers of seats. This has been done in Berlin with great success acoustically. It will not give that exclusive atmosphere, but nowadays the love of opera is not exclusive.

Such a large auditorium would demand a large site, and a site giving good access facilities for the great number of people and cars. It should be an island site at least 200 ft. by 150 ft., and so placed as to be easily accessible in the West End of London, yet set back from a main road so as to allow room for the movement of arriving and departing cars without disturbing the main road traffic. There should be a large space near-by for the parking of cars.

Amongst the available sites in London at the moment, there is none that would serve perfectly, and only one or two that would serve at all. The best one is probably the Dorchester House site in Park Lane, but, we understand, the arrangements for the sale of the house to the National Sporting Club are almost complete. Here, there would be an opportunity to erect a building with some civic pride and one that could be seen in a pleasant setting.

Another possibility might be the site of St. George's Hospital with the properties adjoining if there were sufficient money forthcoming to build the governors another hospital in a quieter position, and persuade them to move into it.

The Lansdowne House Site

The available site at the end of Lower Belgrave Street, near Victoria Station, has also been mentioned, but this is rather small and of a difficult shape. There is a part of Aldwych still unbuilt on, but here again there are difficulties; also it has been suggested that the only place where one could get the right amount of space would be on the Government properties in the neighbourhood of Exhibition Road; but would the call of opera be so strong as to take people out so far as that? Besides, one hopes that our next opera house will have the character of a national monument in the centre of London, to be seen by all.

Perhaps the best of the available sites is the Lansdowne House site. As foreshadowed it is almost certain that a new street will be cut through along one side of it—as a prolongation of Stratton Street—and there will be a new street at the back, making an island site of about 200 feet by 150 feet. It is in the centre of the West End, it has streets on all sides—two of them not used for through traffic—and there is the large space of Berkeley Square as a setting for a fine architectural masterpiece and, incidentally, as a parking space for cars.

But if there were anything like a national policy towards the arts and towards town planning, we could easily earmark the ideal site for the new opera house on the north side and leave it to the more intelligent generations of the future to pay for the building and put it up. There would at least be some hope in this to hand on to our children.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY
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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres:

5.30-6.30 p.m. — Programme of Chinese Music. (Records supplied through the courtesy of Sincere Co., Ltd.).

7.48 p.m. — Evening weather report.

8 p.m. — Evening Programme. (Parlophon Records supplied through the courtesy of Canton Trading Association, Ltd.).

"The Mikado" (Sullivan), Selection, Edith Lorand Orchestra.

"La Tosca" (Puccini), Act 2, Soprano, Meta Seimeyer.

"Yeoman of the Guard" (Sullivan), Selection, H.M. 1st Life Guards.

"Arguments", The Radio Favourites, Clapham and Dwyer.

"Cavatina" (Raffi), Violin Solo, "Melody" (Kreisler).

"The Barber of Seville" (Rossini), "Mefistofele" (Bolta), Bass, Augusto Garavito.

"Marcheta", Waltz, "What'll I Do?", Waltz, Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

"Magic Flute" (Mozart), Bass, "I'm Fond of Swistle's Ness Milk", "I Never Wronged An Onion", Comedian, Harry Fay.

"Der schönste Traum", "Glocken am Abend", Edith Lorand Orchestra.

"The Incease Rises" (Donizetti), "Oh, Messenger of Love" (Gounod), Soprano, Margherita Salvi.

"Off to Philadelphia", "Father O' Flying", Bass, Reginald Whitehead.

"Barcarolle in F sharp" (Chopin), Piano Solo, Alfred Hohn.

"Calf", The Radio Favourites, Clapham & Dwyer.

"Rigoleto" (Verdi), Soprano, Margherita Salvi.

"Peer Gyn" (Grieg), "Mignon" (Thomas), Emmy Bendorff.

"Barber von Sevilla" (Rossini), Overture, Dr. Weilmann and the Symphony Orchestra.

"Tennis", The Radio Favourites, Clapham & Dwyer.

"Oh, Tell Me Nightingale", "The Pipes of Pan Are Calling", Soprano, Kate Winter.

10.30 p.m. — Close down.

MANAGED BY RADIO

WHAT IS BEING DONE ON A
RUBBER PLANTATION

London.—The tyre manufacturing centre of the world—Akron, Ohio—is now in direct radio communication with a modern town built by the Firestone rubber interests in the heart of the Liberian jungle. Officials of the Firestone company at the Du River development project may send a message to the Akron headquarters and receive an answer within ten minutes.

"It is a matter of minutes instead of months now," Harvey S. Firestone, Junior, who arrived in London recently after an eight weeks visit to the Liberian development, told the United Press in an exclusive interview. Mrs. Firestone accompanied her husband on the trip. They were met in London by S.G. Carlbuff, Secretary of the Firestone company.

"The radio installation is very valuable in questions of administration," Mr. Firestone said. "It also gives our American colony, which numbers about 125, all the news of the day. We feel very much at home, although Liberia is some 5,000 miles from the United States."

New Plant in England

The Firestone company is now building a modern tyre plant at Brentford, on the outskirts of London, Mr. Firestone revealed.

"Our new plant at Los Angeles," he said, "is our conception of an ideal tyre plant, and the works at Brentford will be modelled after it. Excavation has started and the foundations will be in soon. The Los Angeles plant will produce 5,000 tyres a day, but we have not yet decided on our unit of production at Brentford."

Rubber for the Brentford plant will be bought in the London market, Mr. Firestone explained. "The plant will be entirely modern and as near perfect as we know how to make it," he added.

"We have 50,000 acres of rubber lands in Liberia, of which 15,000 acres have been planted," he stated. "We hope to have as much again under cultivation by the end of the planting season, in the fall. A modern town has been built at the Du River development. Houses for our employees are equipped with running water and all electrical appliances, including electric refrigeration. The Du River settlement is 40 miles by road from Monrovia, the Liberian capital."

Another town has been built on the Cavalla River, in the southern end of the country, some 250 miles from the Du River. Between 12,000 and 15,000 natives are employed on the Firestone plantations. There

is also an American colony at the Cavalla development.

Transportation Problem

The problem of transporting crude rubber from Liberia to the United States will be considered after production becomes heavier, Mr. Firestone said. "No difficulties in this connection are expected, however," Mr. Firestone made his last trip from New York to Liberia in fifteen days, and called attention to the difference in time required to reach Sumatra and the Malay plantations.

"A plantation usually produces five years after the rubber is planted," he said. "We have taken over 1,000 acres planted in 1919, but later abandoned. This tract is now producing a little more than 500 pounds to the acre."

Mr. Firestone stated that he could see no reason why the removal of British rubber restrictions would affect the plans of the American tyre manufacturers in Liberia. "The splendid yields in Liberia have removed any element of doubt regarding the success of the plan," he said.

He added that his father, Mr. Harvey Firestone, Senior, Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison were working along different lines "toward a common goal" to insure the freedom of American tyre manufacturers from any other attempts at rubber restrictions.

"BEAM" TELEPHONY

HONG KONG MAY SOON TALK
TO LONDON

London, (by air mail). Last night (July 18), a journalist seated in a Paris office picked up an ordinary telephone instrument and held a conversation with a group of engineers on board the Cunard liner "Berengaria," then 2,000 miles from Cherbourg homeward bound from New York. This was a test of a system by which passengers on trans-Atlantic liners will soon be able to converse by telephone from their cabins to subscribers on shore, either in America or in Europe.

It is a further indication of the remarkable progress that is being made these days in the development of wireless telephony on a commercial basis. So swift has been the progress of the Beam system, used in these cases, that there is every hope that the day is not far distant when the Straits Settlements and the F.M.S. will be linked telephonically with the Mother Country. There is no reason why this development should not take place within the next four or five years, at the latest.

Not many days ago engineers at the great Beam wireless station at Bridgwater, Somerset, held a ten minutes' conversation with Australia by Beam. Australia is a greater distance from England than Malaysia, but the commercial development of a service between Australia and England will precede a service to Singapore.

It is worth recalling that, in 1920, Captain Round, of Chelmsford, spoke to the British delegates on the way to the Imperial Press Conference in Canada when they were on board the Victorian, about 1,000 miles out at sea. Five years later passengers on the Southern Railway steamer, "Lorina," conversed from the English Channel to engineers in Marconi House, London. This was the first occasion on which an ordinary land telephone, relayed by wireless, was used for this purpose. More recently the Westminster Abbey Thanksgiving Service for the King was relayed by Beam to Montreal, Canada, and to Sydney, Australia. Now, it is reported, in a few weeks' time a man travelling across Canada on the Canadian National Railway will be able to lift up a telephone and call his hotel, though the train may be moving at a speed of 60 miles an hour.

These are, of course, spectacular feats, but the conversation held last night between Paris and the "Berengaria" is considerably more important as it is the first effort to put such a service on a commercial basis.

Within the next few weeks it is hoped to establish a regular service, via Paris, with an extension of facilities so that passengers may telephone from one ship to another.

STANDARD TIME

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
COLONY

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for August (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow:—

August	Sunrise	Sunset
27	6.04	6.45
28	6.04	6.44
29	6.04	6.43
30	6.05	6.42
31	6.05	6.41

BROADCASTING

"THE ARTISTE HAS NOTHING
TO FEAR FROM RADIO"

JOHN MCCORMACK'S VIEWS

In every country where broadcasting has been established musicians of all classes are complaining that it is having a harmful effect upon their art.

Now, as a working artiste—and I have to work for my living as hard as the man who plays in the orchestra of a cinema or the lounge of an hotel—I have given the matter careful thought and I do not feel that the musician has anything to fear from mechanical music in any form. The fact is that broadcasting has come to stay and not all the managers in the world can stop it.

They are like someone trying to keep back the hungry waters of the sea. It is far wiser that instead of reviling it we should turn our thoughts to the best methods of utilising this new invention.

Coming to Terms

Twenty years ago actors were bewailing the fact that the cinema was killing the stage. Time has shown that they were false prophets. There are more theatres than ever to-day—New York has three times the number it had twenty years ago—and the chief influence of the cinema has been in teaching theatre managers to give their audiences great comfort.

Twenty years has taught all those concerned that the art of the stage and the art of the screen are quite separate and need not necessarily compete with each other.

In exactly the same way the production of gramophones and records at a low price was bewailed by musical artistes but actually there are to-day far more people interested in music than there were twenty years ago.

The large audiences which opera now commands has been created largely by gramophones which enable them to hear fine artistes in their own homes and realise that good music is not necessarily either unintelligible or "highbrow."

Telling Personalities

When radio is more firmly established people will realise that no mechanical device, however scientifically perfect, can equal the appeal of flesh and blood. No one ever contests that a photograph is as good as a painting by a master, and however much we may enjoy the gramophone records of a great singer those who have heard him in person will never find the mechanical music anything but a rather wistful memory.

The fact that broadcasting cannot catch the real personality of an artiste is proved by the statement that few programmes are more than half an hour in length.

In a concert-hall an audience will listen to a great singer for two hours without showing signs of boredom. But try a two-hour song recital on the wireless and I think the broadcasting company's mail bag would contain a heavy batch of complaints next day!

The interest of a wireless audience is intermittent and I imagine that in many homes classical music is accompanied by the rattle of plates or desultory conversation.

But what wireless can do is to stimulate in men and women the desire to hear great artistes. The family that has switched on the loud-speaker during dinner and is disappointed because it is a classical recital suddenly hears a song of great beauty and immediately become interested in the music.

An Ordeal

They realise that a song is not necessarily intelligible because it is called "lieder" or "aria," and within a week they try visiting a concert-hall. Far from keeping people away from concert-halls and opera-houses, I think that used judiciously wireless can stimulate an interest in music far better than any advertising campaign.

If for no other reason than that it helps invalids of all classes to while away the weary hours of waiting to get well, broadcasting deserves to be encouraged.

Even to the experienced artiste broadcasting is an ordeal. He is conscious that the slightest slip will be heard by millions and that he cannot, as in a gramophone record-recording studio, scrap the song and start again. He seems to be at the mercy of a machine. It is an ordeal, but an ordeal that I am prepared to face occasionally.

What we have to learn is that we have gifts given to us and that it is up to us to make the best use of them.

Neither wireless nor the cinema can destroy the value of personal contact and magnetism, and, sooner or later those who are genuinely interested will seek out the artiste in person.

Science may change the methods of art but it cannot change the basic principles, and art is as personal to-day as it was a hundred years ago or even when "burning Sappho loved and sang" in ancient Greece.

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INWARD MAJLS.

From	Per
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.	
Japan	Mexico Maru
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Chekiang
Japan	Tanda
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.	
Europe via Suez (Letters and Parcels, London, 1st Aug. and parcels 25th July)	Karmala
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.	
U.S.A. (Seattle, 10th Aug.), Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Jackson
Japan and Shanghai	Kashmir
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.	
Manila	President Pierce
Straits	Kamo Maru

OUTWARD MAJLS.

For	Per
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.	
Manila	Empress of Asia 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching 4 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih 4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing 4.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.	
Swatow	Sinking 8.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjikembang 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa	Mexico Maru 12.30 p.m.
Straits	Lycemoon 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Chenan 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Glenshiel
Registration	Aug. 28, 5 p.m.
Letters	Aug. 28, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.	
Straits	Cremor 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tanda (Due Thursday Island, 14th Sept.)
Registration	Aug. 30, noon
Letters	Aug. 30, 1.45 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Karmala 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Haiching 2 p.m.
Kashmir	(Due Marseilles, 28th Sept.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels	Aug. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Aug. 31, 9 a.m.
Letters	Aug. 31, 10 a.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31.	
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang
Parcels	Aug. 31, 5 p.m.
Letters	Sept. 1, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	President Jackson 4.30 p.m.

* Subscribed correspondence only.

PAINFUL SURPRISE FOR POWERS

NEW DEADLOCK

BRITISH CHANCELLOR REJECTS LATEST OFFER

"INITIATIVE WITH SNOWDEN"

London, Yesterday.
The British delegation at the Hague have throughout the day been examining the latest offer of the four Powers—Italy, France, Belgium, and Japan—in reply to Mr. Philip Snowden's demands for a fair discussion of the reparation annuities.

Mr. Snowden's reply is expected some time this evening.—British Wireless Service.

Offer Insufficient

Paris, Yesterday.
It is understood that Mr. Snowden has informed M. Jaspard that the offer made by the four Powers is insufficient and unacceptable, thereby creating a new deadlock, as a message from The Hague had already emphasised that the offer represented the last word of the four Powers.—Reuter.

Complicated Accountancy

The Hague, Yesterday.
It is confirmed that Mr. Snowden has rejected the proposal of the four Powers, which involves complicated accountancy and offers Great Britain approximately an additional 28,000,000 marks annually, contrasted with 448,000,000 annually for 37 years which Great Britain loses under the Young Plan.—Reuter.

French Attitude

M. Loucheur (France) has issued a statement on the painful surprise of Mr. Snowden's refusal. He said that France refused to acquiesce in the demolition of the Young Plan. The four Powers declined to make a fresh offer and would leave the initiative with Mr. Snowden.—Reuter.

SIR E. SATOW

DEATH OF FORMER MINISTER IN PEKING

CAREER IN BRIEF

London, Yesterday.
The death has occurred, in his 86th year, of the Rt. Hon. Sir Ernest Mason Satow, P.C., K.C.M.G., formerly British Minister in Peking.—Reuter.

Sir Ernest Satow was born on June 30, 1843, and educated at Mill Hill School and University College, London. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1867.

Mr. Satow (as he then was) entered the Japan Consular Service as Student Interpreter in 1866; became Interpreter in 1866; Japanese Secretary to British Legation, 1868; Agent and Consul-General at Bangkok, 1884; Minister-Resident, 1885; Minister-Resident at Montevideo, 1888; Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Morocco, 1893; transferred to Tokyo, 1895; British Minister at Peking, 1900-6; 2nd Delegate to 2nd Peace Conference, 1907.

His publications included: 1st and 2nd editions of Murray's Handbook for Japan (with A. G. S. Hawes); English-Japanese Dictionary (with M. Ishibashi); various papers in Transactions of Asiatic Society of Japan; Jesuit Mission Press in Japan, 1591-1610; Exercises in Colloquial Japanese; The Voyage of Captain John Saris to Japan, 1613 (edited); The Silesian Loan and Frederick the Great, 1916; A Guide to Diplomatic Practice, 1917 (2nd edition, 1923); A Diplomat in Japan, 1921.

In his later days he stayed at Beaumont, Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire.

"ZEPP" WELCOMED

SWARM OF PLANES IN SAN FRANCISCO

ARRIVAL AT LOS ANGELES

San Francisco, Sunday.

Glistening like silver the "Graf Zeppelin" sailed over the heart of the city, attended by a swarm of fifty aeroplanes. Thousands of people crowded every vantage point, whistles shrieked, and bells pealed. Eventually the airship headed down the coast. It was sighted at



Mrs. George Cruise Mrs. Mary Pierce

Zeppelin Waits for Women.—Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the "Graf Zeppelin," ever gracious to the ladies, bowed to the pleas of Mrs. George Cruise of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Mary Pierce of New York City, to delay the start of the Graf from Friedrichshafen, Germany, until they could arrive to make the passage to the United States.

Santa Cruz at 7.45 p.m. where it caught a gleam of three searchlights before it vanished in the direction of Los Angeles.

At Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Yesterday.
The "Graf Zeppelin" landed here at 5.10 this morning, and tied up to the mooring mast.

Illness of Eckener

The flight of the "Graf Zeppelin" across the Pacific was marred by the illness of Dr. Eckener as the result of the strain of the voyage. As soon as the dirigible was moored he hurried to an hotel in a state of exhaustion to get a rest before the resumption of the flight to Lakehurst which will probably start within a few hours.

The dirigible's engineers report that the airship is in perfect condition.—Reuter's American Service.

PACIFIC RELATIONS

EFFORTS TO INDUCE RUSSIA TO PARTICIPATE

CONFERENCE IN JAPAN

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Jerome Greene, Chairman of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations, interviewed by Reuter in London, on his way to Russia, foreshadowed efforts to persuade the Soviets to participate in the forthcoming conference of the Institute in Japan.

Mr. Greene said that he did not know whether the conference would have any effect on the Manchurian situation, but added: "While in Russia, we shall try to get in contact with the Manchurian situation."—Reuter.

CHINA'S AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA

DR. WANG'S VIEWS

UNDERGROUND SUBVERSIVE RED PROPAGANDA

STATUS QUO NOW IMPOSSIBLE

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, interviewed by Reuter, declared that the Chinese Government was determined to adhere to the terms of the Sino-Russian Agreement of 1924 (under which it is stipulated that the Chinese Eastern Railway shall be managed by China and Russia jointly).

However, he added:

"With the ample proofs of underground subversive Communist propaganda carried on in the past, and planned for the future, China cannot possibly agree to return to the status quo as a preliminary to the opening of negotiations, knowing that the return of the Soviet consular officials and their proteges would unfailingly result in more intensive Communist propaganda, unless ample guarantees are forthcoming that such a subversion will terminate."

Frontier Clashes

Questioned regarding reports of frequent clashes on the frontier, the Minister said that he could assert unhesitatingly that no Chinese troops have stepped upon Soviet soil. They are all well back from the frontier, in pursuance of the Government's rigid policy that the Chinese forces must abstain from acts of aggression. This policy, he added, has been so forcibly impressed on the Chinese troops that in the recent incident, although the Soviet troops advanced into Chinese territory to within 25 feet of a detachment of Chinese troops, the latter held their fire till the Russians opened upon them.

Imaginary Atrocities

Dr. Wang remarked in this connection: "Russian propaganda concerning the situation on the frontier is based on the usual plea of Russia's perfect innocence of all wrong-doing, and the customary stories of imaginary atrocities on the part of enemy troops, though it is incontestably proved that the Soviet has been conducting systematically and regularly raiding parties into Chinese territory, and taking daily toll of Chinese lives—including civilians—and wantonly destroying property."

Dr. Wang deplored the fact that the Soviet propaganda was purposely misleading the Russian people to believe that Russia was the aggrieved party. He was happy to note, however, that it was not blinding the world to the actual facts, and the true situation.

He further asserted that relations between the Nanking and Mukden authorities remained harmonious.—Reuter.

FOOD PROBLEM

May Affect Situation for Russia

Canton, Yesterday.

According to a wireless message received here, a certain Consul, who recently returned from Russia, has declared that while the Russians are transporting their troops at night, they cannot continue the struggle long, as there is a scarcity of food supplies. If war is declared with Russia, Manchuria will not become the strategic point. But if the communication between Peking (Chinese spelling) and Vladivostok were cut, it would be difficult for the Russians to hold out very long.

Powers and the Soviet.
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is in receipt of telegrams from the Chinese Legations in America, Germany, Japan, Belgium and Holland, reporting that those countries are not satisfied with the conduct of Soviet Russia.—Canton News Agency.

Tired of Life?

An unemployed Chinese, aged about 25 years, living in the Tung Ting restaurant, No. 558, Queen's-road West, was yesterday removed by the Police to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from opium poisoning, alleged to have been self-administered in an attempt to commit suicide.

His condition is serious.

LILLIUS IN COURT

Akolo E. Lillius, the self-styled American journalist, appeared again at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when his Worship remanded the case to September 8 at 2.15 p.m., bail to remain at \$1,000.

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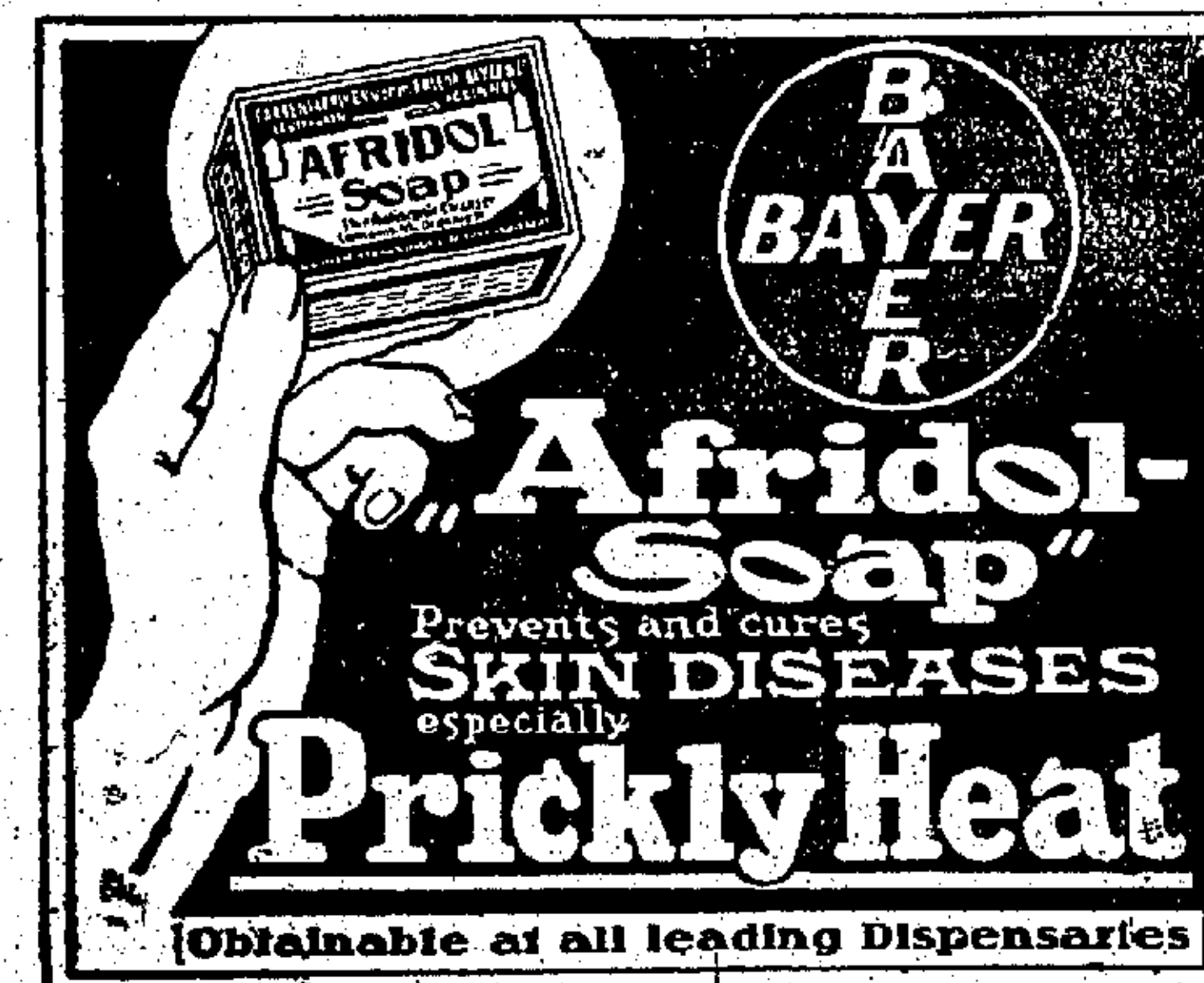
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